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War Was Near  
At One TimeAn Incident of Supposed Land-  
ing of Japanese at  
Masampho.When War Was Averted by a  
Halfbreath-- Russians Still  
Massing.Many Trains Running Daily to  
Mass Russians on Korean  
Border.

According to advices received by the steamer Olympia, which arrived yesterday from the Orient an accident which happened to a Russian warship during October last prevented the threatened war in the Orient from being started some weeks ago. It was on the occasion of the visit of the Japanese squadron to Masampho—the occasion of the alarm at Port Arthur consequent to that action and the hurried rush of Russian warships to the Korean port to find the Japanese at anchor there. As will be remembered cables at that time told of the despatch of Japanese troops to Korea, and subsequent denials were telegraphed by the Japanese officials, who said that the reports had originated by the sending of garrisons to Korea to guard telegraph lines. And then all was silent.

A correspondent though now tells the clever ruse which was then carried out by the Japanese to test the Russian intention of which was not stated. Had it not been for this occurrence, says a Japanese correspondent, the Russian vice admiral would doubtless have sunk the Japanese transports and war commenced.

Arrives from Peking and North China tell of the continual rush of Russian troops to the borders of Korea and into Southern Manchuria from Europe. The correspondent of the Jiji at Peking tells of the 11th, 11th, 11th, 11th, 11th and 12th regiments and 12th regiment, numbering in all 17,000 men, arriving from Europe toward the beginning of December. The reinforced regiments were being rushed southward in Manchuria at the rate of from twenty to twenty-eight railway carriages twice a day. At Liaoyang some of the reinforcements were being arbitrarily quartered in the Chinese temples and mercantile houses, which caused great suffering and indignation amongst the Chinese.

TO SUCH VILE USES.

Boston Mayor Stops a Poultry Exhibi-  
tion in Faneuil Hall.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Permission to use Faneuil hall for an exhibition of poultry was denied by Mayor Collins today in a message to the board of aldermen, which had granted the privilege to the New England Light Brahma Club. "I regard such use of Faneuil hall as illegitimate and substantially a profanation," wrote the mayor. "The hall is a resort of all patriotic visitors who come to Boston, and its use for a poultry exhibition of any kind is ridiculous and contaminates its sacred memories."

News of The  
Army And NavyH. M. S. Bonaventure Bringing  
Out Extra Ratings to the  
Pacific Station.Major Lotbiniere Doing Splendid  
Service in Campaign Against  
Mad Mullah.

London, Dec. 12.—(Special).—Second Lieutenant V. M. Allen, 83rd company R. G. A., which leaves Esquimalt for Hong Kong on Monday, has just been promoted lieutenant.

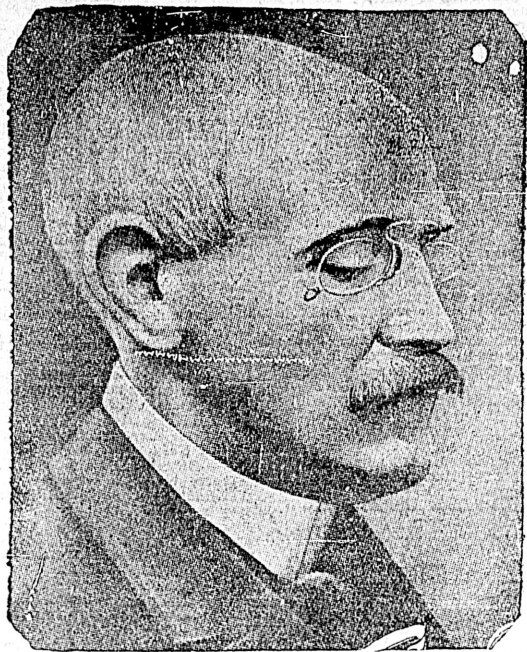
H. M. S. Bonaventure, Captain B. G. Fraser, takes out some extra ratings to the Pacific station in relieving H. M. S. Amphion.

When the Somanand mail left Major Joly de Lotbiniere was doing splendid service in the operations against the so-called Mad Mullah.

It appears that another pattern cap is to be experimented with, so that there is a chance of Tommy Atkins getting rid of the hideous headgear he has now to wear. It is a fact that the introduction of the best thing has militated against recruiting.

When Lord Roberts' well-intended but ill-conceived order for no recruits to be enlisted without a good character was promulgated, disaster was prophesied, and that prophecy has been fully confirmed. It was pointed out at the time that many of the best class of men, those who from perfectly legal reasons did not wish to advertise in the world that they contemplated service in the army, were kept out by it, and the regulation did not prove much of a barrier to black sheep. A new order has amended the original one, and now the question of character rests largely with the recruiting sergeant.

Whilst in winter quarters at Esquimalt the staff of H. M. S. Egeria will work out the surveys made in the past summer.



Alfred Dreyfus, From a Late Photograph.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Dreyfus commission today unanimously recommended a revision of the case by the criminal branch of the court of cassation. The court will assemble next month to hear the case.

Wirings From  
Winnipeg CityHon. T. M. Daly Appointed Police  
Magistrate in Succession to  
G. W. Baker.Suicide in Insane Asylum--  
Street Car Company's Xmas  
Gift.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Hon. T. M. Daly, K. C., formerly Dominion minister of the interior, has been appointed police magistrate for Winnipeg, succeeding C. W. Baker, who has been dismissed.

T. J. Trescott committed suicide by hanging today in the asylum for insane at Seikirk. He was a married man and formerly resided in Winnipeg.

The Winnipeg Electric Street Railway company today presented all its employees with a five per cent. bonus on the money received by each employee during the year.

At a wedding party last night at M. McKay's, nine miles north of Brandon, dancing caused a lamp to fall off a piano and explode, setting fire to the room, which was completely burned, including the piano and three violins. The damage was about \$400. One man was slightly burned about the hands and face.

HOLIDAY TRADE  
AT NANAIMO CITYMerchants Did a Good Business  
And Satisfied With the Sea-  
son's Trade.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 24.—Although one hears here and there complaints from business men that it is a "quiet Christmas," the merchants as a whole seem satisfied with the results of their efforts to attract the season's trade. Better and more varied stocks were never shown in Nanaimo than have been seen this year, and the goods have certainly moved off the shelves in large quantities. Amongst the grocers there has been considerable rivalry in the matter of display, but the usual Christmas contest among the butchers has not been abandoned this year owing to the very mild weather. It is an actual fact that last night a grocer allowed thirty sacks of potatoes to remain out of doors until morning confident that even two days before Christmas frost would not attack them in this genial climate. Tomorrow's programme includes the usual services at the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches in the morning, and Christmas trees and entertainments at the evangelical churches in the evening. A hockey match in the afternoon is the only outdoor attraction.

The Liberal Association of Chemains has sent an endorsement to Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P. Mr. Smith's collection of these is growing immensely.

The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Henry Rawlinson, a resident of Nanaimo for the last seventeen years. The deceased lady, who was highly respected, leaves a number of relatives here, was 60 years of age.

The local Women's Hospital Auxiliary has arranged to open the new ward dedicated to the late Mr. John Lawson, on New Year's day. Invitations have been issued to a number of representative people to be present.

The Agricultural Society is anxious to raise a fund for the improvement of the grounds recently presented by Mr. James Dunsmuir. It is possible that a scheme will be adopted by which the members will be created on payment of a fee of \$10 or \$12.

## FIREMAN AND ENGINEER DEAD.

Barrie, Ont., Dec. 24.—John Glassford, engineer, and James Patton, fireman, are dead as the result of a terrible scalding received from escaping steam from their engine, which had been turned over on them at Colwell by a snowplough running off the track and pulling the engine with it.

C. P. R. CHANGES.

W. Leonard Will be Assigned to New  
Duties.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—(Special).—It is said that W. Leonard, who has been assistant to the general manager of the Canadian Pacific line in the West, is likely to be assigned to other duties in consequence of the appointment of Wm. Whyte as second vice-president and assistant to president at Winnipeg. Mr. McNicholl declines to say any more than was contained in the official circular that the idea of the arrangement was to relieve Mr. McNicholl of some of his heavy burdens.

Sixty Four  
Wreck VictimsFatalities in Railroad Accident  
at Connellsville Reach Large  
Number.Unfortunates Were Scalded to  
Death By the Escaping  
Steam.Heroic Action of one Man Re-  
sults in the Saving of Many  
Lives.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—The latest reports from Connellsville place the total number of dead in the train wreck at sixty-four.

Superintendent B. W. Duer, of the Pittsburg division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, says sixty persons were killed in last night's wreck, while some reports sixty-four.

"The sixty persons who lost their lives last night," said Superintendent Duer, "were scalded to death by escaping steam. If the dome of the engine had not broken probably not more than two or three persons would have been killed. The damage to the railroad's property was comparatively slight considering the great loss of life."

When asked if there would be any investigation on the part of the railroad officials, Supt. D. W. Duer said: "I don't think an investigation is necessary to explain this affair. It is all too apparent." Pointing to half a dozen heavy timbers under the dining coach, he said: "There is the cause of it. A west-bound freight has dropped those timbers on the track, and proceeded unconscious of the trouble it had left behind."

Never were more terrible scenes witnessed than those about the wreck. The steam from the cars filled the air. Many of the stricken people climbing out of the windows ran wildly screaming in delirium. Others were caught in their wanderings and care for one man, after running into the woods came back again, went into the baggage car of the relief train, and sitting down, said: "My God." The next instant he dropped over dead. There was not a scorch upon him. He had inhaled the steam.

A story of courage and heroism seldom equalled is told of Benjamin Nichols, steward on the dining car. When the engine dragged the train whirling sideways along the road, Nichols was in the dining car. He was battered from one side to the other of the car. It was on the end of the train, and Nichols and others in that car were not injured. When the car stopped Nichols leaped out and ran toward the smoker, which was reduced to twisted iron and splinters. The crash had torn the escape valve from the top of the engine, and the steam was shooting in the air upon the struggling mass of humanity. Taking off his coat he tore it into shreds, plugged up the pipe and shut off the steam. Temporary relief had been given the sufferers, but Nichols was not done. Climbing through a broken window, he leaped into the dark car, which was filled with suffocating steam. The screams of the injured made it confusing what to do. Picking up the first human form at hand, Nichols carried it out in the open, and then once more entered the car. By this time other rescuers had arrived. One after another of the victims were handed out. At this point the steward was compelled to leap to the ground, being exhausted and overcome by the heat and steam. Other employees entered and continued the work of rescue. They were soon rejoined by Nichols. For hours the work continued, it being difficult even with the aid of the wreck crew. Many of the victims were wedged between heavy timbers, and it was four o'clock before all the injured had been removed.

FIRE AT HALL  
MINES SMELTEROverheated Stove Causes a  
Small Blaze But Will Not  
Stop Work.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 24.—A fire occurred this morning at 4:30 in the Hall mines smelter, originating from an overheated stove in the drying shed. The fire spread to the bunking house and an empty ore car, but was stopped there. The damage done amounted to \$1,800 and is fully covered by insurance. It will not interfere with treatment.

## Slaughter of Derivishes.

London, Dec. 24.—The War Office today received a despatch from Major-General Chas. Eberton, dated Kerit, Somaliland, December 21st, saying that 700 British and native troops had surprised 2,000 Derivishes at Jid-bah, 35 miles east of Balwet. The engagement lasted three hours. The Derivishes' casualties were 80 killed and 100 wounded. The British loss was two killed and four wounded and one missing.

Major Joly de Lotbiniere, son of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, is serving with the Somaliland expedition.

## LAPOINTE'S SUICIDE.

Quebec, Dec. 24.—A furrier named Lapointe committed suicide by taking paris green this morning.

## C. P. R. TRAFFIC.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The C. P. R. traffic receipts for the week ending December 21st, were \$862,300. Same week last year, \$818,000.

## FINLAND FLOATED.

Flushing, Holland, Dec. 24.—The Red Star steamer Finland, which was ashore at Nieuwshuis, near Flushing, was floated today.

## WALL FALLS ON WORKMEN.

New York, Dec. 24.—One of the walls of the old Thirteenth Regiment armory, Brooklyn, fell today. Two workmen were killed and seven others badly injured.

## WINNIPEG CLEARINGS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Winnipeg clearing house returns week ending December 24, 1903, \$5,839,721. Corresponding week 1902, \$3,907,197, corresponding week 1901, \$3,425,474.

## BY WIRELESS TELEGRAPH.

New York, Dec. 24.—The steamer Albatross, from Glasgow, was reported by wireless telegraphy as passing Nantucket lightship at 12:10 p. m., bound for New York.

## WM. PUGSLEY NOMINATED.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Wm. Pugsley has been chosen by the Conservative convention in the new riding of Centre York to contest it against Archibald Campbell.

## CONSERVATIVE NOMINATED.

Auburn, Ont., Dec. 24.—Port Huron Conservatives have nominated Mayor Lewis G. Gledhill as a candidate for the House of Commons at the next general election.

## BOMBARDING IN DOMINGO.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Consul Simpson, cabling tonight from Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, confirms the press despatches that the revolutionists have bombarded that city. The despatches are very brief and give no details.

## KILLED AT CROSSING.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Howard Smith, of Holivar, was killed, and his daughter fatally injured, by being struck by a Canton and New Philadelphia interurban car near Strasburg today. They were driving across the track.

## SENTENCED TO PENITENTIARY.

Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 24.—Alexander Garrett, charged with the murder of Eli Corti at a riot between anarchists and socialists at Barre on the night of October 3 last, was today found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to not less than ten nor more than twelve years in the state prison.

## WANTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

Bozeman, Mont., Dec. 24.—M. H. Lytle, who has been working at Story's elevator for about a month, was arrested on a telegraphic warrant from Sheriff Marshall, of Atlantic, Ia., and is being held pending the arrival of that officer. He is charged with embezzling funds belonging to the Des Moines Elevator Company.

## NEW YORK POLICE.

Mayor McClellan Announces Appointment of Chief.

New York, Dec. 24.—Mayor McClellan tonight announced the appointment of former Assistant Secretary of the United States Navy William McAdoo as police commissioner, Maurice Featherson as dock commissioner, and John C. Hertle and William Herman Black as commissioners of accounts.

## SUBMIT MINNIE HEALY CASE.

Helena, Dec. 24.—The hearing on the order to show cause why an injunction should not issue to prevent further mining in the Minnie Healy, the \$1,000,000 mine recently awarded to E. Aug. Heinze by Judge Clancy pending the determination of the appeal from Judge Clancy's decision, was concluded in the Supreme court this afternoon, and the case was submitted after arguments by respective counsel.

## TELEPHONE CO.'S TROUBLES.

Foreclosure Sale of Michigan Concern Confirmed by Circuit Court.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—Judge Swan, of the United States Circuit court, handed down an opinion today confirming the foreclosure sale of the Michigan Telephone Company to N. W. Harris, who represents the syndicate of bondholders, who bid \$1,100,000 for the property.

The petitions of Charles Flower and Samuel T. Douglass, the latter representing the minority stockholders' protective committee, asking that the sale be set aside, are dismissed. The case will undoubtedly be appealed to the United States Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

## DISCUSS REDUCTION.

Dominion Cotton Company Decide to Postpone Enforcement of Reduction.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The directors of the Dominion Cotton Company at a meeting held yesterday discussed a cut of ten per cent in the wages of employees. It was finally decided not to make it at least for the present, as in the Montreal mills the employees were on short time during a portion of the summer months owing to loss of power, and their earnings were consequently not as large as usual. At the present time they are only working something like eight hours per day. It was recognized that a cut will have to be made eventually. On account of the high price of cotton economy in the production has been made imperative.

Great Britain  
Holds BalanceExtraordinary Naval Mobiliza-  
tion is a Great Factor  
Towards Peace.American Captain Points to  
Present Number of Veterans  
In British Army.Mostly Men of Campaigning Age  
Who Have Been Under  
Fire.

London, Dec. 24.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegraph Company from Tokio says Premier Katsura and War Minister Terachi visited the Marquis Ito, president of the Privy Council, and the Marquis Kuma, chief of the council of field marshals, at their villas, two hours' distant by rail from Tokio, this evening. The Japanese press is urging the immediate despatch of troops to Korea, where it is asserted, Japanese interests are menaced by Russian military pressure in the north, and Russian intrigues at Seoul. The impression is growing in the best informed circles that the adoption of such a policy is now inevitable.

Concerning the supposition that Great Britain, as a last resort, might threaten to forcibly interfere, the United States naval attaché, Capt. Chas. H. Stockton, pointed out to a press representative today that Great Britain's extraordinary developed naval mobilization at the present moment was a great factor towards peace.

"The Mediterranean fleet," said Captain Stockton, "hovering toward Japan, is powerful. It is around Suez, half way. The British fleet now in the Far East could be quickly reinforced by part or most of the whole of the Mediterranean fleet, whose duties would then be taken up by the Channel squadron leaving the home squadron in British waters. Great Britain never had so many ships in commission or men afloat as she has today."

The United States military attaché, Major John H. Beacom, further pointed out that if Great Britain insisted on peace, she has "behind any such demand more men of campaigning age who have been under fire than any nation on earth, a military advantage which doubtless is not overlooked by any European power."

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Yuan-Shi-Kai, the commander-in-chief of the Chinese army and navy, has taken steps for the reorganization of the Chinese army. He is reported to have advised the court mandarins to wait three years, until the organization of the army is complete, before declaring war on Russia.

Peking, Dec. 24.—The new Chinese Board of Commerce has promulgated the railway laws compiled by Wu Ting Fang, former minister to Washington, and now vice president of the board.

These laws are calculated to materially cripple the borrowing capacity of the railway companies and to restrict the control of the railways to the Chinese security holders.

The United States also restrict the holding of shares by foreigners to a maximum of 50 per cent, and prevent the companies from borrowing on land values. The railway companies must apply for concessions to both the new Board of Commerce and the Foreign office.

THE DAY AT THE  
FEDERAL CAPITALSt. Louis Forestry Commission-  
er Appointed—Fund to Re-  
build the University.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Mr. Stewart, the Dominion forestry superintendent, has been appointed one of the three commissioners to arrange a great forestry convention at St. Louis next year.

Father Emery, rector of Ottawa University, left today to a visit to the Oulite, where he will spend the Christmas holidays. There will be no meetings of the cabinet in consequence until after the holidays.

THESPIAN DEBUTANTE.

Granddaughter of Horace Greeley to  
Make Debut as Actress.

New York, Dec. 24.—In the new play, "The Other Girl," by Augustus Thomas, which Charles Frohman will produce at the Criterion theatre next Tuesday night, a young girl bearing a famous name will make her first appearance as an actress. The debutante is Miss Ida Greeley Smith, daughter of Col. T. Nicholas Smith and granddaughter of Horace Greeley. An interesting fact concerning her debut is that Charles Frohman, who has given Miss Smith an opportunity to realize her ambition for the stage, was a boy in her grandfather's office when the latter was editor of the New York Tribune.

FUNERALS UNMOLESTED.

Non-Union Drivers Take Charge of  
Hearses Unmolested in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Today for the first time in a week hearses carried the dead to the cemeteries in and around Chicago. The hearses were driven by non-union drivers. No disorders occurred.

Seething criticisms of persons who have disturbed funeral processions in Chicago were made by the grand jury, which reported to Judge Clifford today. The grand jury also criticized "irresponsible organizations" for creating disorder and defying the law.



# Christmas in Merry England

London Presents Usual Deserted Appearance at Holiday Time of Year.

King Edward Institutes Changed Methods of Royal Entertainments.

London, Dec. 24.—Britain's metropolis presents the deserted appearance usual on Christmas eve. King Edward, Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the members of the court have gone to the country. Emulating the royal example the aristocratic families as well as the "trippers" and all sorts and conditions of people have gone to their country homes where Christmas will be celebrated in the old-fashioned English style.

Everything will be devoted to the distribution of gifts from the royal Christmas tree to which all the servants and work people of the estate have been invited. King Edward has abolished several of the customs which existed during the reign of Queen Victoria. Her late Majesty always had the plum pudding made at Windsor castle, from which it was distributed to the other royal residences. Now the Windsor Castle kitchens are practically shut up and the roast of beef which always formed such a picturesque feature of Queen Victoria's table is no longer in vogue. The historic plum pudding, however, will be served at the dinner, and the huge game pie and bear's head are prepared and consumed only at Sandringham.

The Duchesses Marlborough and Roxburgh are also away for the Christmas holidays. The former is the guest of Earl and Countess Howe at Gosport and the latter with the Duke of Devonshire at Devonshire House. The Duchess of Manchester is with her husband in Ireland.

Joseph Chamberlain will spend Christmas at his home in Highbury, while Premier Balfour will be with his sister in Scotland.

Lord Rosebery will spend the holidays in Edinburgh. The Christmas holidays will be followed by several festivals, the most notable of which will be held at Chatsworth, where the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire will give an elaborate entertainment, which will be attended by King Edward and Queen Alexandra January 4th.

# Bradstreet's Trade Review

Weekly Survey of Business Throughout the Broad Dominion.

Revised Activity at Pacific Coast Points and Cash Sales Increased.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Bradstreet's trade review says: Wholesale trade at Montreal is quiet, as is usual at this time of the year. The travelers have been arriving home from their routes, and as retailers have been busy with the holiday trade, they have not been sending in many mail orders. The wholesale trade have, through the active demand for holiday goods, effected good clearing of their stocks of domestic and foreign staples continue fair. The seasonal trade is practically over now at this time, and not much activity in general business is looked for until the turn of the year. The sales of holiday goods have shown very satisfactory this year. The sales show a good increase over last season. Retail business has been very active the past two weeks, and it is expected the effect on payments will be good. Stocks of spring goods carried over by retailers from last season were not heavy and renewed activity along the line of trade.

In wholesale circles at Quebec there has been many orders received from country traders. The Christmas demands show a slight falling off from that of preceding years, but, as a rule, the volume of trade is considered satisfactory. In some quarters collections are reported slow, and are not likely to improve until after the holiday season. The shoe factories are all working, and the outlook is favorable.

Trade at the Pacific Coast, as reported to Bradstreet's, is active. The holiday trade, as well as the inquiry for reasonable staple goods, has been large. The shoe business has shown expansion. The outlook for business the coming month is bright.

The cold weather at Winnipeg has continued to stimulate the demand for heavy goods, and the holiday business has been better than in previous years. Stocks of winter goods have been well reduced owing to the large demand through the province for staple goods. Wholesale trade at Hamilton up to the middle of this week, was quite active. The combined inquiry of the holiday goods and for spring goods, as reported to Bradstreet's, was brisk. As a rule the demand for spring goods does not show much activity during the progress of holiday trade, but the orders during this period this season were liberal owing to the recent advance in staple goods. Trade the past few months has been good, cash sales show a good increase, and the situation generally is satisfactory.

Business at London has been active. Retailers have made large sales of holiday goods, and are prepared to order liberally for the coming season. Payments are expected to show a big improvement the next two weeks. Prices are firmly held.

The volume of business in connection with the holiday trade at Ottawa this season has been large. Business of the closing weeks of the year has given great satisfaction. Prices are firm in all departments.

# FOREMAN CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Samuel Stevenson, night foreman of the Hamilton Iron & Steel Company, a native of Yonkers, N. Y., arriving only from Hamilton from that city three days ago, was crushed to death by the roll yesterday.

MARTELL'S  
THREE STAR  
BRANDY  
AT ALL BARS  
AND RESTAURANTS.

# BURNED TO DEATH.

Chatham, Dec. 24.—Mrs. John Jacques of Fargo about seven miles from here was burned to death while alone in the house. It is supposed she fell with a lamp in her hand, which set fire to her clothing.

# PREPARING FOR ATTACK.

More United States Marines Sent Ashore at Panama.

# News From the Faraway Yukon

Important Decision in Dawson Courts re Right to Renew Miner's Licence.

Business at the Custom House a Third Heavier Than Was Case Last Year.

Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 11.—A judgment drawing out several fine points valuable to all who own and deal in claims, was rendered in the gold court today. The case draws out the right of a man to renew a certificate after a lapse of a month and to retain interest in the claim. The case is entitled Frank McAlpine, plaintiff, against Harry G. Engelson and E. S. Strait, defendants. The judgment follows: "The facts in this case are as follows: 'The plaintiff found out in September last that Engelson, who was the owner of hill claim, the upper half, left limit, of No. 58 below discovery. Hunter creek, had allowed his free miner's certificate to expire on June 25th last; but did not pay the additional fee required by section 2 to cover the month between June 25th and July 25th. On October 14th the plaintiff stated this claim, and on the 10th applied for renewal, but was refused. He then brought this protest against the defendant Engelson, and upon the hearing the defendant Strait asked to be made a party. On June 10th the defendant Engelson sold a half interest in the claim by bill of sale to one James R. Farr, and on June 24th Farr sold to the defendant Strait. Strait states that he did not put the bill of sale on record owing to the delay caused by the difficulty in finding the witnesses to the bill of sale. Farr, whose address of execution had not been made; he was not found until the 23rd of November. They then put the bill of sale on file after paying the fee required under the regulations to cover the lapse in the defendant's (Engelson's) certificate, having discovery of action on account of the lapse in a former certificate. 'The protest is dismissed with costs.' While hunting near McQuesten post, Moses, a fifteen-year-old Indian, was shot in the thigh of the left leg by the accidental discharge of his gun. He had the weapon on a sled which he was pulling through the brush when the hammer was pulled back by a bramble and exploded the cartridge. Business in the Dawson customs house is a third heavier now than at this time last year. The same is to be said of the month of November recently closed. Collector E. S. Bishy gives the information, and is much gratified at the showing being made. Traffic into the Forty-Mile country has so increased since the close of navigation that a second man has been appointed to handle customs affairs at Forty-Mile town. At the request of Collector Bushy of the Yukon district, with headquarters at Dawson, Major Wood, commanding the police of the territory, has appointed one of the police stationed at Forty-mile to assist Deputy Collector McLeod there. Alex. McGuire, of the fire department, was dismissed this morning after a charge had been proven in the police court of the intention of doing a revolver with the intention of doing an injury to Peter Black. It was a case of McGuire's word against Black's. The accused claimed that he did not have the revolver in his possession when they had the trouble at the engine house on the Klondike December 2th. Captain Edward Spencer, who formerly managed the properties owned by George R. Munger in this country, is described by Mr. Justice Craig, in judgments handed down yesterday, as "acting as a thief." His lordship says that Spencer certainly misappropriated the work, money and goods of Munger to his own use. In the three cases, Golden vs. Munger, Wilson vs. Munger and Fleming vs. Munger, the defendant's evidence was taken by a commission as he is a resident of the United States. In his evidence Munger states that he had full and implicit confidence in Spencer "until the time that I discovered him to be a thief." While his lordship would not apply that language to Spencer, he says he acted like a thief. More men will be working on the various claims on Little Minook, Rampart, this season than since 1890. The old creek is far from being worked out and is a steady producer. Flour is selling at \$4.00 a sack, beef at 65 cents a pound, ham 40 cents, potatoes 15 cents, onions 20 cents, apples \$8.50 a box. Fresh ranch eggs 75 cents a dozen, oats 8 cents a pound and hay 8 cents a pound.

# Gold Lies in Old River Beds

Similarly of the New Diggings in the Alek to those of Cariboo.

Miners on Their Way With Tools to Exploit Ground Staked in Stampede.

Whitehorse, Y. T., Dec. 18.—(Special)—Harry Baxter, Ole Dixon, A. D. Puckett and Pete Brecheisen have returned from Bullion and Vulcan creeks. Four days were spent on Bullion, Sheep and Vulcan creeks. Each member of the party was successful in staking claims on the creeks mentioned and so far as they can form an opinion previous to prospecting believe they have secured good ground. Several outfits were met on the trail by the miners carrying supplies and tools in order to go to work and exploit the ground staked either last summer or during the recent stampede. The prospectors who were with these working parties expressed determination to get out dumps during the winter and be prepared to sluice as early as possible in the spring. Some of the best workers in this camp are members of these working parties and know their business, so that it is not taking any great chance to predict that by June we shall have a substantial indorsement of the faith we have expressed in the new diggings. Messrs. Baxter and Dixon both corroborate the statements already made by the discoverers of Bullion creek and other prospectors who have made the trip, as to the general character of the camp, that the schist bedrock is apparently shallow, and the width of the gravel deposits along the channel of the creek about 250 feet below the canyon and about 200 feet above the canyon for a distance of at least one mile, which was as far up the creek as these gentlemen penetrated. The banks of the creek they report as being quite steep as far down as about 55 below discovery, below which point the creek widens out into a valley of considerable extent. On Vulcan creek the party located Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 below discovery. This is one of the most recently discovered of the creeks. It empties into Slim's river on the right limit, having its source to the southeast. The mouth is nearly opposite the mouth of Bullion. Discovery was staked and recorded by Messrs. Ward and Hogan during the recent stampede to Bullion creek. It is described as a torrential stream having a fall of nearly 20 degrees, and flowing between steep banks, but not as precipitous as the banks of Bullion. It is not as long a creek as Bullion. The gravel deposit for three or four miles below discovery claim are reported as being about 300 feet wide. Discovery claim is located about four miles above the mouth of the creek and was prospecting to some extent by Ward and Hogan, who reported very satisfactory panings. This creek differs from Bullion principally in respect to the fact that along the right limit there occur high banks of wash gravel, sometimes reaching 150 feet in height. Along the left limit the rim rock is exposed and resembles that on Bullion. These high banks of wash gravel may indicate an ancient river bed such as frequently occurs in the Cariboo country. If prospecting shows that these gravel deposits are as attractive then this creek should offer attractive features for hydraulic mining especially as the two principal factors vitally necessary to make hydraulic mining successful are reported to be present, viz: ample dumpage and water which can be brought out to the ground by gravity with sufficient pressure to ensure the employment of heavy giants, which means that gravel containing 10 cents each cubic yard or less can be sluiced at a good profit, provided 2,500 or 3,000 miner's inches of water can be used daily, and the gravel is not cemented together sufficiently hard to render breaking down with water under pressure impossible. On Vulcan creek there is an abundance of timber for sluice boxes and other purposes, and according to the judgment of Messrs. Baxter and Dixon this creek apparently presents many features which strongly recommend it as a "good poor man's" proposition.

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# INDIAN'S HORRIBLE FATE.

Brantford, Dec. 24.—The body of an Indian named Carpenter has been found five miles from London, badly eaten by pigs. Carpenter had been to Brantford to dispose of pigs and failing to make a sale was on the way home when the pig is supposed to have upset and pinned him beneath.

# SUIT AGAINST MITCHELL.

Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Justice Geo. F. Lynde today denied the motion of A. J. Wales for a commission for an oral examination of Thomas D. Nichols, president of district No. 1 of the Pennsylvania Mine Workers' Union. This motion was made in the action brought by Mr. Wales against President Mitchell to recover \$200,000 for suggesting the plan which Wales claims was used last year to settle the big anthracite miners' strike.

# SILENT WORKMEN.

Fear Legal Consequences of Corporate Actions and Disband.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—By dissolving the incorporated organization known as the Franklin Union, No. 4, the striking press-feeders here stole a march today on the Chicago Typothetae, the association of employers. The press-feeders, being incorporated, were liable to be sued at law. Judge Holden recently fined the union \$1,500 and damage suits are now pending for many times that amount on account of a strike, which is one of the most persistent ever fought in Chicago. If the employers could have secured judgment against the corporation they might have been able to seize the \$10,000 in the union's treasury. As a voluntary association, the press-feeders believe they are safe from damage suits except as individuals.

# PRISONER ESCAPES.

Managed Convict Walks Off Train While Guard Sleeps.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 24.—Shackled with leg irons and attired perhaps in nothing but his nightgown, the alleged forger, who has been running rings around the Portland officers for weeks, walked off the westbound O. R. & N. train at 3 o'clock in the morning at Umatilla station and made his escape. While Detective Joe Day slumbered in a Pullman palace berth. The officer had retired at 9 o'clock, leaving his prisoner in charge of a negro porter, whom he had "wiped" to act as guard. The result is that the man who is said to be the cleverest manipulator of worthless checks who ever operated in this city, is as free as the air that blows about the sagebrush of the scrub belt in which he is at large. Telegrams are flying in all directions, but no tidings have come from Parker.

# Preparing To Transport Troops

Japanese Railways Warned For Conveyance of Seventy Thousand Men.

Drafting of Soldiers to Korea Continues in a Very Small Way.

London, Dec. 25.—The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the Japanese railways have been ordered to be prepared to transport seventy thousand troops from the north to the south. It is understood that only those troops which are insured to cold climates would be chosen. The correspondent says there are now forty warships in the southern waters of Japan the majority being fully armed and ready for any emergency. These warships are continually moving about for practice. Officials everywhere, according to the correspondent, are ready to summon the reserves at a moment's notice. The drafting of Japanese troops to Korea continues. They go in small numbers on various pretexts, but never in large force. The Japanese government is continually moving about for practice. Officials everywhere, according to the correspondent, are ready to summon the reserves at a moment's notice. The drafting of Japanese troops to Korea continues. They go in small numbers on various pretexts, but never in large force. The Japanese government is continually moving about for practice. Officials everywhere, according to the correspondent, are ready to summon the reserves at a moment's notice.

The Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent says it is reported in Wijn that Russia intends to connect Antung, at the mouth of the Yalu river, with Liao Yang, on the railway connecting Mukden and Port Arthur, with the object of bringing longampho within the Manchurian railway zone.

The Times' Shanghai correspondent says he learns, upon good authority, that as a result of conflicting views upon the policy and the administration of the American and Belgian interests in the Haku and Canton railway, these interests will be separated and the railway divided into two sections. The Belgians to control the northern section and the Americans the southern section.

Washington, Dec. 24.—At the request of the American State department, United States Secretary of the Navy Moody today sent a telegram to Rear-Admiral Sterling, commander of the Asiatic squadron, ordering a warship to Cienfuegos, Korea, to protect American interests.

# PEOPLE IN PANIC.

London, Dec. 25.—A Russian correspondent of the Times reports a panic among the population of Gomel owing to fresh police searches and arrests of Jews.

# PETROLEUM POOL.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The Frankfurter Zeitung says that an international petroleum pool has been arranged between the United States, Austria and Russian interests. The arrangements will embrace a plan for increasing the export of Galician oil to Germany.

# NEW CUBAN TARIFF.

Havana, Dec. 24.—The Senate today directed the finance committee to report next Monday a bill increasing by twenty-five per cent. the present tariffs on all imports except in the case of raw materials, the duty on which will be calculated in such a manner as will not be prejudicial to Cuban industries. The bill is intended to protect the treasury from lower receipts resulting from the reciprocity treaty.

# TROUBLE IN MOROCCO.

Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 24.—The town of Settati, near Case Blanca, has been attacked and pillaged and partially destroyed by the surrounding tribes. The population included many Jews.

# URQUHART TORONTO'S MAYOR.

Elected by Acclamation. Howland's Papers Being Filed Too Late.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—(Special)—Mayor Urquhart was declared elected as mayor of Toronto by acclamation. Howland's nomination, the papers by Mr. Howland having been filed too late.

# BRITAIN'S RECOGNITION.

Panama, Dec. 24.—C. Mallett, the British consul, has officially informed the junta that he has received a telegram from the British Foreign Office to the effect that Great Britain formally recognizes the Republic of Panama.

# INVESTIGATING TRAIN DISASTER.

Jury Taking Evidence to Fix Responsibility of Railroad Wreck.

Connellsville, Dec. 24.—The summing up of the results of last night's wreck of the Duquesne Limited, on the Baltimore and Ohio, eight miles west of here, shows a total of sixty-four persons dead and nine injured. Nine bodies are still unidentified. The jury is now taking evidence as to the cause of the disaster. It has been learned that the car that dropped the timbers which wrecked the Limited, was gondola No. 3,087, of the Nickel Plate road. It was loaded with lumber three days ago at Friendship, Md., and billed for Newcastle, Pa. Supt. J. F. Irwin, of the Baltimore & Ohio, declared the blame must be fastened on the parties loading the timbers on the car. His theory is that the stakes at the sides of the gondola were weak and gave way under the tension of the car when it rounded the curve. Supt. Irwin has addressed inquiries to the starting point and the destination of the car, and will make a thorough investigation.

# PRESENTS PROTEST.

Colombian Representative States Objection to United States' Course.

Washington, Dec. 24.—General Reyes, the special representative of Colombia to the United States, today presented to United States Secretary of State Hay, at his house, a protest he had prepared against the action of the United States in recognizing Panama. Later General Reyes said he expected to remain in this city until he received the answer of Secretary Hay. His protest, he expects, will be sent to congress soon after it convenes in January. General Reyes said that he deprecated warlike talk, and has endeavored to prevent an outbreak in Colombia.

Mother—I don't hear the canary singing this morning. Ostend. Is he in good humor? Ostend—No, mamma, I think he's in a pet. Mother—You do? Ostend—Yes, the Persian cat swallowed him.—Chicago News.

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**CHRISTMAS.**  
Christmas, with all its associations, is again here and for a brief period most of us will cast off the ordinary round of routine and work and give ourselves up to the enjoyment of the delights and pleasures that are ordinarily connected with this season. It is above all a time of reunion, when many for the remainder of the year are scattered and separated, are able again to meet together and renew those family and other associations so closely interwoven with the course of their lives. Oftentimes there is a strain of sadness that not even the surroundings of this otherwise joyous occasion can entirely dispel, when a vacant chair, or the absence of some beloved and well remembered face and form, marks the inroads that have been made during the past year in the family circle. Yet, perhaps, such incidents only make the season more precious and those memories serve to draw still closer the ties between the survivors, as they cherish the remembrance of those who have passed away. But to the young the Christmas season is one of unalloyed delight; always great in its anticipations; leaving behind it scarcely less pleasurable reminiscences that will remain, more or less distinct, until the rolling year brings again another Christmas season. It is a poor heart that never rejoices, and there must be something wrong with the man or woman who refuses to respond to the sentiments that are associated with this season. To those whose aim is always to make the way of those around them more bright and happier, Christmas affords still greater opportunities for their kindly acts. To those less genial and sympathetic the generous associations of the period should surely appeal with such results that even to their influences may not be entirely effaced in succeeding days. The how must be unmet sometimes and we pity those who are utterly unable to give or receive the salutation of "a merry Christmas" with heartiness or gladness.

**A MORE PEACEFUL APPEARANCE.**  
The latest reports from the Orient, as well as from the principal European capitals, are more favorable to the possibility of some arrangement being reached between Russia and Japan and a war thereby averted. It is apparent that both Great Britain and France have made strenuous efforts in the direction of a pacific solution of the matters in dispute. It is not improbable that the statement is correct that the British government has represented to St. Petersburg that Japan's demands are just and expressed the hope that the Czar will grant them. As we have pointed out on other occasions, Japan's demands in regard to a recognition of her paramount influence in Korea, are essential to the permanency of her policy, and the legitimate development of her commercial and industrial resources and opportunities. On the other hand, Russia can claim no necessity nor even any justification for her aggressive attitude towards Korea. It is based simply on the gigantic scheme to absorb all of Eastern Asia and preclude the possibility of that expansion of Japan to which her geographical position and the capacity and energy of both her rulers and people invite her to aspire.

Although it would be premature to hope that the more favorable situation as indicated by our despatches today, is to be regarded as an end of the fears of war that have prevailed during the last few days, it is not unreasonable to believe that the British Government's representations may have a very important influence on the Russian diplomatists. While the Anglo-Japanese alliance does not require the material aid of Great Britain unless another Power allied itself with Russia in attacking Japan, there is no doubt that the Czar will avoid, if possible, plunging into a contest in which the right, in the opinion of other and neutral powers, is on the side of Japan. Furthermore, there is little doubt that the consolidation of his possessions in the Far East is at present so incomplete that the Czar will desire to avoid hostilities now if Russia can retreat from the position taken up in her last note to Japan without the sacrifice of her national honor and prestige.

**AN UNFAIR STATEMENT.**  
One or two of the Opposition newspapers are very unfairly stating the Government's action in regard to the Mineral Tax, by alleging that the tax has been left by it in the form of the two per cent tax on the output of the mines, only the freight and smelter charges being deducted. As a matter of fact the Government stated distinctly before the Legislature adjourned, that it intended to bring in a measure during the present session with a view of meeting the objections held by mine owners to the present tax. There is, therefore, no ground for the insinuation that the Government intends to let this impost remain as it is. It is a matter of considerable difficulty to devise a method

of taxation of mines that will make the incidence of the tax bear equitably on the varying conditions found in different mines and yet yield revenue that should be reasonably secured from this important Provincial industry.

The Conservative Convention at Pictou, N. S., passed an unanimous resolution expressing unqualified regret at the coming severance of the relations between the constituency and Sir C. H. Tupper. The fact that he had continuously represented the constituency from 1882, the resolution said, clearly indicated the esteem in which he is held by the electors of the county.

Great Britain's "little war" in Somalia appears to be progressing satisfactorily, although the fact that it has proved to be much more costly and tedious than it was expected to be, has to be considered. The defeat by General Egerton of a force of Dervishes much superior in numbers to his own command, is only another instance of the manner in which native troops, drilled and commanded by British officers, can be brought to withstand successfully large bodies of an enemy, without such training, they could not be induced to face.

The Japanese Government is ever on the alert to profit by the experience and methods of other states. In this it differs widely from its conservative and unprogressive neighbor at Peking. A Japanese left Vancouver recently for home, having completed a mission from his Government to make a special study of the artificial propagation of fish, as well as of our fisheries. It is probable that hatcheries will be established on the northern coast of the Island of Japan. Should the Government not take it up as a public work, private enterprise will probably engage in it.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.**

**DR. TELFORD'S REPLY.**  
Sir,—With reference to the statement made by Mr. A. H. B. MacGowan in the Legislature and elsewhere, reflecting very seriously upon myself, and which may have made a false impression in certain quarters, allow me the privileges of your paper to briefly reply. I had deep sympathy for him in his loss, and I thought time would enable him to interpret the facts in their true light. On account of the publicity his remarks have gained, especially those made in the provincial legislature, which were in part published in the daily press, and at the request of my friends, who have urged me from the first to make public the facts, I reluctantly reply.

Medical men are slow to rise in self defence, and I am sure that our common inheritance and give us little thought; so as long as Mr. MacGowan continued to talk in his unreasonable manner, I carried with it its own condemnation and gave us little space. I would not have believed that he would have carried it into the domain of politics with the vain hope of gaining a cowardly advantage.

Why did Mr. MacGowan not call for a post-mortem examination or a coroner's inquest in connection with the case referred to? Why did he not endeavor to obtain the facts of the case. The truth is he has jumped at conclusions, while ignorant of the fundamental facts in connection with the case. He has gone down to the capital and taken advantage of the protection given a member of the legislature to make remarks which are absolutely false. His own words told him and clearly endeavored to persuade him to be reasonable. They asked me to attend the funeral to show the public that no hard feelings existed. I have absolutely nothing to cover up and invite the fullest inquiry. A detailed history was given and was trained nurses from first to last. This history is in my possession, and may be perused by any person desiring to know the facts. It contains the opinion of the medical men and shows how persistently my partner and I, together with other consultants, endeavored to combat the disease. One would have thought that when the second operation demonstrated that the abdominal cavity did not contain a drop of pus that Mr. MacGowan would have been satisfied; but no, all he seems capable of appreciating is that the deceased was and is not. No person sympathizes with Mr. MacGowan and family in their bereavement more than I, but great as the loss is, it should not eliminate discretion. Four doctors were present during the operation besides myself, and two of them were prominent men at its close on the thoroughness of my work. During the last two days of his illness five doctors besides myself saw him, and we did all that human skill could do to save him.

For the benefit of those who wish to inquire, I will give the names of the above doctors: Present during the operation, Doctors Hall, McInnes, McQueen and W. B. McKee; present in consultation, Doctors Hall, Davis, Burnett and Munro.

Mr. MacGowan wishes a fair and just inquiry, why not get the opinions of these men. They are the only parties competent to express an opinion. If the decisions of the medical men associated with the case are not trustworthy, they will not have the evidence laid before our provincial judges. All I ask for is British justice. This is the first and only death I have ever had in connection with an operation. If Mr. MacGowan can find any other man who has done the amount of work I have without a single death, I would be pleased to know of it. He referred to the sanitarium in Vancouver as a slaughter house, will leave the public to judge from the following facts whether it is worthy of such a name. Two hundred patients have been admitted to Burrard Sanitarium since its opening ten months ago, and out of that large number we have had but one death. One from spinal meningitis, two from cancer of the stomach and one the case in point. A death rate of two per cent, and yet he designates our institution a slaughter house. What other name can he find severe enough to denounce the other hospitals of the province whose death rate doubles and trebles that of the sanitarium? The death rate at the Royal Provincial Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, was 7.29 per cent last year and the preceding year was 8.45 per cent. Would he designate that institution a slaughter house? I think not, unless he was guarded within the sacred precincts of the legislative hall. The medical and surgical staff of the Jubilee hospital, Victoria, are absolutely beyond question, and that hospital stands recognized as one of the leading institutions in America. The death rate in the finest equipped hospital in Canada today, that of the Royal Victoria, Montreal, averages 7 per cent per annum. In the face of these facts, surely, Mr. MacGowan will be man enough to retract his statements and make a public apology. The Burrard sanitarium has flourished beyond our most sanguine expectations in spite of his gross, somewhat hysterical misrepresentations. The public of Vancouver have paid no attention to this man's remarks, nor yet will the legislators who have heard the learned truth. The most ardent supporters are to be found among the patients who have partaken of its benefits.

With reference to Mr. MacGowan's statements regarding my work in Cheimainus, and in which he made serious accusations, I will now reply. I am glad he referred to my work in Cheimainus. I am proud of my record there. If that gentleman will take the trouble to look up the records of Cheimainus General Hospital during my last

year in charge, he will find that the death rate was only 1 1/2 per cent. I would like Mr. MacGowan to find statistics in the province to approach that standard. Let me state a few facts. During my three years in charge of the hospital and work at Cheimainus, I did not lose a single case through an operation, although I have been forced to attempt the severest of operations, with only three deaths. Of 75 patients treated at Cheimainus General Hospital during my last year in charge, with only a single death, and that death was due to a serious accident, following typhoid fever, in which no operation was necessary. I think that even Mr. MacGowan will admit that a good record, especially when he considers the class of injuries we get from saw mills and logging camps. Cheimainus General Hospital was erected on a hill, and I have been forced to operate from outside the district, and all without a single fatality. Surely Mr. MacGowan will admit that a good record. When I resigned my charge there, the following resolution was voted upon at the general meeting and carried, as it states itself, unanimously amid applause:

**"RESOLUTION.**  
"Cheimainus, B.C., Feb. 12, '02.  
"Robt. Telford, Esq., M.D.  
"City."

"Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in informing you that at the regular annual meeting of Cheimainus General Hospital the following resolution proposed by Mr. T. R. Elliott, seconded by Mr. John Kenzie, and carried unanimously with great applause:

"That the members of this corporation, on hereby express their high appreciation of the service that you have rendered the hospital since you came among us and to tender you (as you have resigned your position here) their best wishes for your success in whatever field you may in future work."

"Yours truly,  
"(Signed) LEWIS G. HILL,  
"Secretary."

The above resolution was moved and seconded by two of the directors of the Cheimainus General Hospital and spoken to by a third, who eulogized me to the utmost for my efficient work. By the way, two former directors of Cheimainus hospital are now residents of Vancouver, and for the convenience of those who desire the information, I will give their addresses: Mr. H. A. Hamell, who was steward in Cheimainus during my residence there and now has charge of Mr. Desbrisay's store in Mount Pleasant. Mr. W. H. Higgins, of McMillan street, president of the B. C. Loggers' Association.

I referred to a patient I operated upon in Cheimainus, and said that I had destroyed the arm, removed before Dr. Frank Hall had a chance to see it. This is an absolute falsehood. The arm was removed through the night to save the man's life, with his full consent. We telegraphed to Victoria for doctors, but could not get an engine to bring them up. We telephoned to Duncan, but could not get a doctor there. The arm had been smashed to the elbow between rollers; swelling had set in and was fast approaching the body. The patient chafed at our delay in attempting to secure another doctor, and said that he did not want any other doctor but to go ahead. Two or three more hours would have resulted in the patient's death. I knew what it meant to attempt such a severe operation alone. The man's life and my reputation were pitted against each other. I risked my reputation and life to save the man's case from his body, and to save his life, and, Mr. Editor, I would do a similar thing again if put in the same position. I know of three leading surgeons in Victoria who have lost their lives during the past six years in their endeavors to save cases of a similar nature. I would rather have a clear conscience than be an M.P.P., and abuse the privileges of the legislative chamber by speaking disparagingly of an institution, and citizens whom he is supposed to represent in the provincial legislature. I will never as long as I practise my noble profession allow a human being to die to save my reputation. Dr. Perry arrived from Duncan the next morning a few hours after the operation. I kept the arm for him to examine. The first words he said on looking at it was, "You just got that off in time, old boy." He advised me to burn the arm at once. Dr. Jones or Dr. Hall may be up on the noon train and I would like them to see it. Neither of them arrived, so I burned the arm that afternoon. Dr. Frank Hall arrived the next day. He had been for four, unknown to me, and unknown to the patient, and without the patient's consent. Dr. Hall agreed with me that I had pursued the proper course. He saw Dr. Perry that evening on returning to Victoria and told him the same story. I had no letter in my possession at the present time, from Dr. Perry, telling me of his interview with Dr. Hall and giving Dr. Hall's opinions. Mr. MacGowan may see it at any time by calling at my office. If he does not wish to come himself, send some reputable person and I will show it with pleasure. The Burrard Sanitarium statistics, together with the records of the Cheimainus General Hospital, will prove without the shadow of a doubt to any unprejudiced man, that Mr. MacGowan's remarks at Victoria are at variance with the truth.

Mr. MacGowan has carried the war thus far and I now demand the fullest investigation possible. I care not by whom it is conducted. All I ask for is the privilege of presenting my side of the case. If Mr. MacGowan refuses to grant this reasonable request and persists in making his accusations under the protection afforded him as a member of the legislature, I will leave to the public the privilege of presenting my side of the case. If Mr. MacGowan refuses to grant this reasonable request and persists in making his accusations under the protection afforded him as a member of the legislature, I will leave to the public the privilege of presenting my side of the case. If Mr. MacGowan refuses to grant this reasonable request and persists in making his accusations under the protection afforded him as a member of the legislature, I will leave to the public the privilege of presenting my side of the case.

**ROBERT TELFORD.**  
(Owing to press of other matters recently it has been found impossible to find space for the above letter until now, Editor.)

**GUN LICENSE.**  
Sir,—I thank you in anticipation you will please insert this in our country paper. We have a serious position to face in this matter, and you will not forsake us. Now we are in a position to give you a thought how the new proposed game act will affect you? Have you a desire to see a class composed principally of English extraction take up the question of our game act from a patriotic standpoint? Do you believe that if so you better defend yourselves in double quick time. The truth is, the country is too free (the people too) to suit some importations; hence we see the attempt made to limit our British right. Space will not permit to dwell on one point. If this move is not balked, in five years a prohibitive tax will have been applied, the present hunters will be a past issue, the winter will be a winter of chasing after the now dead pheasants, and cursing his former blindness? We have among us men who have tried of incessant toll who champion this move for the axe they have to grind. All the months of the year are with the gentry. Turkey is 30c per pound; they are wanderers like the pleasant, so figure how many such would the place of what are at present trespassers, and see how a new tax of 10c of clothes is a moderate estimate, more and intercept what will or may prove your ruin, hesitate and later regret. Now, place the hands of your members, hands petitions requesting that its way in the winter game basket, its proper place, thus preserving to yourself the ability to make at least one

dollar a year and further determine that B. C. workmen shall not lose their cherished equal rights. Now I await Sam's. S. F.  
Samlch, Dec. 22, 1903.

**CORRECTION.**  
Sir,—Will you kindly correct a slight error in my letter published in today's issue of the Colonist. I am made to say that I was not in charge of the hospital, but was only a visitor. I thank you for your courtesy in correcting this. W. J. DUNCALF.  
Victoria West, Dec. 23, 1903.

**"The Colonist's"**  
**FIRST EDITORIAL**  
**ON CHRISTMAS**

Following is the first editorial on Christmas ever appearing in the Colonist. It was published in the Colonist of December 25, 1858, and was penned by the late Hon. Amor De Cosmos:

Christmas.—What a host of pleasant thoughts the mind calls up at the mention of the word Christmas! From age to age it has been a season for religious exercise and national enjoyment. From the cradle to the grave Christmas always presents pictures of family reunions, social endearments and universal festivity. It is the season when the benevolent always remember the needy; the old wardrobe becomes warm and new; the scanty table partakes of plenty; the sick and distressed are comforted; the rich and poor enjoy together the bounties of a fruitful Providence. The tall church-tower gives forth its merry peal calling alike to worship and to enjoyment. Friendship and love take the place of enmity and estrangement. The fountains of goodness flow and every face beams with gladness. The prattling infant toys its first gift; the grey haired parent invoking a blessing on all around; the friendly visitor exchanging kind wishes; the grateful poor offering heart-felt thanks; are pictures familiar to us all, rendering Christmas an heirloom ever to be prized.

May the old and new pioneers enjoy the day in that comradely spirit which will render the Christmas of '58 ever memorable in this distant outpost of civilization.

We wish all a merry Christmas, and many of them.

**PROVINCIAL PRESS.**

Enquiries are being made by the provincial police as to any relatives of the late Charles Hewett, a young man who committed suicide on the beach near Kaslo last summer. The body was found some months after by J. W. Cockle, of Kaslo, and although badly decomposed, was identified by the clothing and scarf pin worn by the deceased. The revolver, which was shot himself, was a mass of rust with the trigger of the late owner still remaining on the guard hooked around the trigger. A note the soft felt hat he had been wearing and a corresponding operation in the front of the skull told the story of his death. A photo of the deceased, with the scarf pin and other articles found on him after the body was recovered, was shown to police in Nelson, where any one who knew anything of the relatives should call.—Nelson News.

Wedding bells chimed merrily in Trall last night for the nuptials of Miss Sophia Hanna, daughter of Frank Hanna, a mining man, and William Joan Devitt, city clerk and police chief of the Smeiter City. The ceremony was performed at the Anglican church, and was the occasion of a marked manifestation of interest on the part of citizens. An effort had been made to have the nuptials quietly performed, but at 8 o'clock, when the wedding march pealed out, the sacred edifice was crowded.—Stess-land Miner.

A terrible explosion, resembling that of last spring, occurred at Michel on Tuesday evening in the last row of houses across the creek. A Slav named Polnick was warning several sticks of dynamite on the overland. An awful explosion resulted, blowing the house and burying the inmates in the debris. Six people were injured, one probably fatally, and the great danger is that several were not killed instantly. Polnick escaped with slight scratches, but his hearing is destroyed. The lady of the house, who was sitting in a rocking chair in the same room sewing, was seen by her husband by the corner of the room under a pile of debris. It may not recover. The husband, who was also in the room, hurt in one shoulder and is deaf.—Ferne Free Press.

A Chinaman named Jim Gow, living in Chinatown, met with an accident last Sunday which resulted in his death. He had just returned from work and had hung his overcoat on the door, when by some means his lamp fell over, setting fire to the room. While he was endeavoring to put out the fire the powder can exploded, severely burning him. He died from the result of his injuries on Tuesday night.—Cambridge News.

**IRISIBILITIES.**

Visitor.—My man, what brought you here?  
Countryman.—Numb, num. De exp couldn't sleep, and so he wuz patrolling his beat!—Puck.

"Do you think you could ever marry for money?" "No, but I'm sure I could soon learn to love a girl who had a million or two."—Chicago Rec.

"If everybody acted on my motto, 'Let me be enough alone,' the world would be much happier." "Make an exception of physicians. Half of them would starve."—Kansas City Journal.

"There goes a man," some one said to Brother Dickey, who has three living wives. "Oh, my!" exclaimed the old man, "wuz he bo'n crazy or los' his mind growin' up?"—Atlanta Constitution.

Kallow.—Of course he's only a barber, but he's a decent sort of a fellow. Wuz (glancing at Kallow's downy lip)—Ah! I suppose he asks you if you want a shave whenever you get your hair cut.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"The trouble with the average woman," said the Female Rights lecturer, "is a lack of decision." "Yes," interrupted the male despatcher, who had no right to be there at all, "half of them don't know whether they want to be women or men."—Philadelphia Press.

Patrick had no sooner settled himself in the barber's chair than he was fast asleep. Some time later he was awakened by the tonorial artist. "All right, sir," said the barber, "I've shaved you a shave." "Shave?" repeated Patrick. "I didn't want a shave. Put the whiskers back and give me a hair cut."—Chicago News.

"Does your wife go in for athletics?" "Um—yes, in a way. She went out yesterday to take exercise; she said she was going to walk up a long hill." "And did she?" "No; she got into the dry goods district, and ran up a long hill instead. You can easily see that I am the one who was exercised."—Kansas City Journal.

**A Merry Christmas**  
**To You and Yours**  
May the day be pleasant, the dinner good, the goose done to a turn, the pudding hot, with the right kind of sauce. May you receive as gifts the things you most desire, and may the day be as it should, the most enjoyable one of all the year.  
**TERRY & MARETT,**  
CHEMISTS,  
S. E. COR. FORT & DOUGLAS ST.

Literary Critic—I liked your new book, all except the last chapter. There was no reason, so far as I can see, for making the story end unhappily. Struggling Author—I did that for a purpose. When the story is dramatized, the story version will be made to end happily, and it will get a lot of free advertising, both in the literary and dramatic columns of the papers. See?—Chicago Tribune.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:  
I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.  
B. S. ODDY.

**MUNICIPAL ELECTION**  
**SOUTH WARD.**  
TO THE ELECTORS:  
At the request of a number of the Ratepayers, I have decided to stand for the above Ward, and respectfully request your support.  
WILKINSON FELL.

**TO THE ELECTORS OF SOUTH WARD.**  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:  
I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Alderman for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.  
JAMES A. DOUGLAS.  
Fairfield road.

**The Mayoralty**  
To the Electors of the City of Victoria:  
Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I beg to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.  
**CHAS. E. REDFERN**

**The Mayoralty**  
To the Electors of the City of Victoria:  
Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I beg to announce that I will be a candidate at the coming election for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.  
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The Joyous Christmas Day has come around again with its cheer and goodwill.  
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A reduced service will be given on Christmas Day. Cars will start running at 9 a. m. and continue until usual times.  
On Port Street a 20-minute service will be given. Oak Bay Cars will leave the corner of Yates Street on the odd hour, and every 40 minutes thereafter. All other cars leave on the even hour, and every 40 minutes thereafter.  
Douglas Street, Beacon Hill, Spring Ridge and Outer Wharf a 20-minute service as usual.  
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## Local News.

Surgeon on Empress.—Dr. Carder,  
who has just resigned the position of  
surgeon of the R. M. S. Empress of  
India, has left for the East. He is suc-  
ceeded by Dr. F. B. Carron, of Brock-  
ville, Ont., who is an old McGill stu-  
dent, who has been surgeon on several  
Atlantic liners, where he proved highly  
popular with both passengers and ship-  
mates.

Basketball on Saturday.—Tomorrow  
afternoon the Nanaimo basketball team  
will arrive in the city and play an inter-  
city match with the Victoria West team  
at the Drill hall in the evening. The  
Victoria West team have been very suc-  
cessful so far, and should give the Na-  
naimo team a hard fight. The game  
will be the extra attraction of the Drill  
hall concert. The game will start at  
8.30.

Municipal Candidates.—Dr. G. L.  
Milne has announced his intention of  
standing as a candidate for alderman  
in the interests of South Ward at the  
approaching municipal elections. Wm.  
Wilson is a candidate for alderman in  
the same ward, the list for which is as-  
suming extensive proportions. A requi-  
sition is being signed requesting John  
Macmillan to become a candidate for  
the mayoralty.

The Police Court.—In the police  
court yesterday morning several Chinese  
who were charged with overcrowding  
chickens in wicker baskets at the street  
sides in Chinatown, were fined \$5 and  
costs. The Chinese were prosecuted for  
cruelty to the poultry at the instance of  
the S. P. C. A. A woman of the re-  
stricted district was fined \$50 and costs,  
with the option of three months' im-  
prisonment, and a warrant was issued  
for her arrest.

Regimental Smoker.—At the A. O. U.  
W. hall on Friday, January 8th, the  
members of the 5th Regiment, C. A.,  
will give a smoker. An energetic com-  
mittee have been organized to well in  
hand, and promise a very successful  
affair. The committee hope all mem-  
bers will be present and avail them-  
selves of this promised treat. The af-  
fair will be an entirely regimental one,  
and members will be required to attend  
in uniform.

Model of Launch.—Robert Hutchison,  
the well-known electrician, is exhibiting  
in the window of Messrs. T. N. Hib-  
ben & Co.'s store, Government street,  
the working model of a steam launch  
designed and built by him some time  
ago. Pictures of this product of Mr.  
Hutchison's skill have been exhibited  
and in London, England, and other points.  
It won the bronze medal at the local exhibition  
of 1901.

Victorian Selected.—Miss Isabel Turn-  
er, formerly a nurse in one of the city  
hospitals, has been chosen by the Van-  
couver hospital board to succeed Miss  
Clemmensen as lady superintendent of the  
Terminal City institution. The ap-  
pointment dates from January 1st, 1904.  
Miss Turner is a graduate of the Ter-  
minal general hospital training school,  
1892, where she acted as head nurse  
for twelve months. She also bears the  
highest recommendations from Doctors  
Jones and Davis, of this city.

The New Zealanders.—The New Zea-  
landers who recently gave a series of  
enjoyable recitals in this city have been  
received with much favor in the coun-  
try districts, large and numerous  
audiences greeting them nightly. Mr.  
Rae will preach at the Centennial  
and West Victoria Methodist churches  
on Sunday, December 27th. On Mon-  
day night Mr. and Mrs. Rae will give  
a farewell recital at the Metropolitan  
Methodist church. New and novel items,  
descriptive of Maori life and its pic-  
turesque people, will be introduced.

Dawson Man Dead.—Telegraphic ad-  
vice from San Francisco announce the  
death of Mr. Roger Dawson, president  
of the Yukon Hardware Company, of  
Dawson, and was well known in Vic-  
toria, Vancouver and New Westminster,  
having formerly been connected with the  
Cunningham Hardware Company, of  
New Westminster. When he first went  
North it was as Dawson manager of  
the McLennan, McElroy & Co.'s branch  
in that city. The deceased came to  
England, and went to San Francisco  
with his wife, she being unable to en-  
dure the rigor of the Arctic winter. He  
contracted pneumonia and was ill but  
a few days.

Patent Report.—Below is a list of  
patents granted to foreigners by the  
Canadian government through the  
agency of Messrs. Marion & Marion,  
patent attorneys, Montreal, Canada,  
and Washington, D. C. No. 83,612,  
Henri Harmet, Le Marais (Loire),  
France, process of casting steel  
ingots; 83,655, Gustav Tuschel, Odessa,  
Russia, quick varnish composition; 83,  
708, T. H. Hutson & R. Meldrum, Kent,  
England, process for the manufacture  
or production of asbestos, millboards,  
slates, etc.; 83,840, Christian C. Van  
der Valk, Voorburg, Holland, gold wash-  
ing machine; 83,889, Arthur Krebs,  
Paris, France, oil engine; 83,979, Henry  
Jas. Brooke, Swedenborg, Denmark, ship's  
anchors; 84,165, Gustaf Erickson, Swe-  
den, internal combustion engine; 84,172,  
David Alfven, Stockholm, Sweden, apparatus for separating  
butter from milk.

From Sonoma.—A very successful  
entertainment and Christmas tree was  
held in the Sonoma schoolhouse on  
Wednesday evening last. The entertain-  
ment began with a most interesting lan-  
tern slide exhibition by the teacher, J.  
W. H. King, B. A., who showed up-  
wards of 200 slides, taking his audi-  
ence, by their assistance on a tour  
throughout many countries. Many of the pictures  
were from Mr. King's own snaps,  
among which were some fine views of  
the University of Indiana, of which he  
is a graduate. Mr. J. N. Evans, acting  
as Santa Claus, then distributed the  
presents from the tree, nearly every  
pupil getting something. At the close  
of this part Mr. King was presented  
with the lamp by a very fine fountain  
pen as a slight token of the very high  
esteem he is held. He made a suitable  
reply, after which refreshments were  
served and dancing indulged in, well  
till midnight.

Parade Service.—At 10 o'clock this  
morning parade service will be held in  
the Soldiers and Sailors' Home. Mr.  
J. P. Hicks will preach and appropriate  
music will be sung.

Protestant Orphans.—A regular  
Christmas dinner is to be provided to-  
day for the orphans consisting of tur-  
key, plum pudding, and everything has  
been arranged to give the children the  
best possible time.

Homes for the Aged.—At the Homes  
for Aged and Infirm Women and Men  
every endeavor will be made to cheer  
the hearts of the aged inmates, and  
of fashioned Christmas dinners will be  
provided at each place.

Amateur Orchestra.—Owing to the  
general inconvenience of the evening,  
the practice called for Saturday, the 24th inst.,  
has been postponed to Thursday, Jan-  
uary 7th, at 8 p. m. at Wait's hall.

Cremery Shareholders.—A meeting  
of the shareholders of the Victoria  
Cremery Association will be held in the  
City hall on Wednesday at 12  
o'clock, to consider the question of re-  
building.

For School Trustees.—J. W. Holden,  
who is prominent in labor circles, has  
announced to his friends his intention  
of running for the position of school  
trustee at the forthcoming municipal  
elections.

Jack Will Celebrate.—General have  
will be the order of the day at Esqui-  
mut today, and everything possible  
will be done to make the men feel  
that in the general festivities they are  
gallant defenders of our coasts, have  
not been overlooked.

The beautiful styles of Mason &  
Risch pianos recently imported by the  
Hicks & Lovick Piano Company are at-  
tracting considerable attention. They  
are most artistic in design, and best  
of all, are musical instruments in the  
highest sense of the term.

Christmas Greetings.—Christmas  
greetings are extended to members of  
the Fifth Regiment in the following  
regimental order issued by Lieut.-Col.  
Hall: "Col. Holmes, D. O. C. wishes  
all members of the 5th Regiment, Cana-  
dian Artillery, a Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year, in which the offi-  
cers commanding the Fifth Regiment  
heartily joins."

Christmas Tree.—The annual Christ-  
mas tree entertainment in connection  
with the Protestant Orphans' Home  
will take place on Tuesday evening.  
The box of presents sent to the Home  
by Mrs. Marr, the proprietress of the  
Boomerang, will be used in connection  
with other gifts to fill the tree with  
good things for the children.

Soldiers and Sailors' Home.—At the  
Soldiers and Sailors' Home, under the  
pastorate of Rev. J. P. Hicks, an "at  
home" will be held today, starting at 2  
o'clock. The afternoon will be devoted  
to games and general social intercourse.  
At 6 to 6.30 an old-fashioned English  
dinner will be provided, and in the  
evening an informal programme will be  
rendered.

Provincial Jail.—The unfortunate in-  
mates of the provincial jail will, for  
the day at least, forget their unhappy  
lot in the general Christmas merriment  
which will be provided. Turkey, cranberry  
sauce and plum pudding, and an enter-  
tainment will be afterwards given. Sev-  
eral of the local vocalists have intimat-  
ed their intention of being present and  
assisting.

Beautiful Decorations.—Thanks to  
the kindness of Commander Sandiman,  
of R. M. S. Graham, and the naval  
authorities, the rooms of the Soldiers  
and Sailors' Home are splendidly draped  
with bunting, and the general ef-  
fect of the "at home" referred to else-  
where in these columns, will be consid-  
erably augmented by the work of the  
navy men.

At the Barracks.—The men on this  
station will celebrate Christmas today.  
Extra rations will be served and all  
kinds of good things will be provided.  
The men will be in a mixture of  
sadness and joy, as on Monday next a  
draft of the R. G. A. leave for the  
Orient, and this will be the last of  
such gatherings together of the men  
who have become firm friends while  
located at Work Point barracks.

Christmas Gift.—Mr. T. W. Walker,  
foreman of Turner-Beeton & Co.'s fac-  
tory, was taken by surprise when the  
employees of the factory waited on him  
yesterday afternoon and presented him  
with an address, accompanied by a  
pretty monogrammed locket, as a token  
of their appreciation of his many kin-  
dnesses to them during the past year.  
Mr. Walker was instrumental in intro-  
ducing the system of white union labor  
inaugurated by the firm of Turner,  
Beeton & Co. about a year ago in the  
manufacture of cereals and ships,  
which has not alone proved beneficial  
to the women workers who follow this  
kind of work, but has also vastly in-  
creased the business of the firm.

Description of Cashell.—A reward of  
a thousand dollars is offered for the  
arrest of Ernest Cashell, the convicted  
murderer who escaped from the custody  
of the Northwest Mounted Police at  
Calgary on December 10th. Circu-  
lars containing his picture and descrip-  
tion have been received by the city  
and provincial police. They describe  
him as follows: Age, 21 years; nation-  
ality, American; figure, erect; height,  
5 feet 8 1/2 inches; weight, 145 pounds;  
complexion, fair; color of hair, brown,  
rather long and wavy; eyes, brown;  
straight nose; chin, ordinary; cannot  
grow any hair on face. Marks, small  
scar over right eye which his hair  
covers; scar on left palm and one on  
right arm inside elbow joint. Slight  
American accent, medium voice. Man-  
ner rather reticent.

Presented With Address.—Arthur  
Longfield, the well-known musician and  
organist of St. John's church, was on  
Wednesday evening the recipient of a  
beautifully illuminated address from the  
members of the choir of that church.  
Mr. Longfield retires from the position  
of organist and choirmaster at the end  
of the present month, and the mem-  
bers of the choir felt that they could not  
let the occasion pass without expressing  
their appreciation of the untiring efforts  
put forth by him on behalf of both  
church and choir, and also placing upon  
the great loss which, in their  
opinion, the church must sustain upon  
his retirement. Mr. Longfield has filled  
this position with great ability for the  
past six years. In reply Mr. Long-  
field made a neat and appropriate little  
speech, in the course of which he thank-  
ed the members of the choir for the  
honor they had done him, and referred  
to the pleasant relations that had al-  
ways existed between the choir and him-  
self.

St. Ann's Kindergarten.—The little  
ones of St. Ann's Kindergarten, Blain-  
ard street, held their Christmas enter-  
tainment yesterday morning at 10.30. A  
program consisting of songs, recitations,  
dramas, and a dramatic play, pleased a  
lighted audience, while the little per-  
formers were joyousness itself, in gay attire  
and with smiling countenances. While  
each number of the programme was  
being given, the children sang their  
features of the same were the "Kindergarten  
Orchestra," a real, full band of tiny  
instruments known as "Zobo" instru-  
ments, and on which Christmas airs,  
marches, etc., can be wonderfully play-  
ed. The event was a great success, and  
the drama, entitled "A Christmas Tea  
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## RISK'S SPECIAL RESERVE SCOTCH WHISKEY

A special vatting of the cream of Old Highland Whiskies.  
Matured for many years in Sherry Wood before being  
bottled.

Closed Up Early.—Yesterday after-  
noon most of the offices, legal and other-  
wise, closed up at an early hour, all  
hands proceeding to enter heartily into  
the festivities.

Contribution Acknowledged.—A doc-  
ument from London, dated December  
17th, says: "The London Ragged School  
Union has received thirty dollars from  
the children of Victoria, British Col-  
umbia, to provide some of the poorer  
London children with a Christmas din-  
ner."

Busy Expressmen.—Last night the  
express companies' men had one of the  
busiest Christmas nights in their re-  
cord, delivering parcels in all quarters  
of the city. The number of parcels  
received this year, from all quarters  
of the province and Dominion, were far  
in excess of the receipts for any pre-  
vious year for quite a long period.

Much Smoke.—"Harry"—who does not  
know "Harry"—remembered the Col-  
onist staff yesterday in the manner  
which has grown to be a habit with  
him, forwarding a box of choice Ha-  
vanna labeled "with the compliments of  
H. D. Helmcken." As the paper goes  
to press all hands are smoking and the  
"devil" is busy lighting matches.

Masonic Installation.—G. A. Paul  
leaves tomorrow for Duncan to install  
officers of the Masonic lodge on Sat-  
urday evening. The installation of offi-  
cers of Vancouver and Quana lodges  
will also place Monday evening, after  
which a banquet will be held at the  
Hotel Victoria.

Sudden Illness.—Last evening, at 8  
o'clock, on Campbell street, a Turk-  
ish bathman, named Mr. William  
Hick, whose residence is 15 Humboldt  
street, was taken suddenly ill and was  
immediately carried into Morrison's  
drug store. Dr. J. L. Helmcken was on  
the scene quickly and gave the sick man  
every attention. He soon recovered.

The Staff Lunched.—Thanks to the  
generosity of Messrs. Mowat & Wal-  
lace, the popular grocers, the Colonist  
staff lunched at 11 o'clock last evening  
on the best of biscuits, Cadbury's  
creams, figs and toffy. Much amuse-  
ment was caused by a box of mock  
cigars and cigarettes, and quite a few  
were also lunched. Here's to you,  
Mowat & Wallace.

Turkish Baths.—Mr. Schmidt, who  
has been very busy for some weeks get-  
ting ready for a splendid outfit of Turk-  
ish baths, announces that all is now  
ready. The baths will be opened for  
business today. The plant is under the  
Druid hotel, and is excellently fur-  
nished, and should do a thriving busi-  
ness.

Christmas Music.—Mr. Gideon Hicks  
is training a large choir for a special  
musical service to be held in the Metro-  
politan hall on Sunday evening next.  
The selections to be rendered are from  
"The Messiah," and will include the  
choruses "And the Glory of the Lord,"  
and "For Unto Us a Child is Born."  
Mrs. Hicks will take the solo part in  
"O Thou That Caldest," and Miss Mc-  
Alpine will sing "Rejoice Greatly."

Social Dance.—The Victoria Club  
held their regular weekly social hop on  
Wednesday evening last, and proved  
very enjoyable. The committee hav-  
ing in charge the Leap Year ball, have  
completed all arrangements. The ball  
takes place next Thursday evening in  
the club's hall, and those desiring in-  
vitations must apply early, as the num-  
ber is limited. It is expected that the  
ladies will have a surprise for their  
male friends on this occasion for after  
12 o'clock the fair sex will take charge,  
and they intend enforcing all rules and  
regulations pertaining to ballroom eti-  
quette.

DRILL HALL CONCERT.  
Inter-City Basketball Will Be Played  
in Second Part.

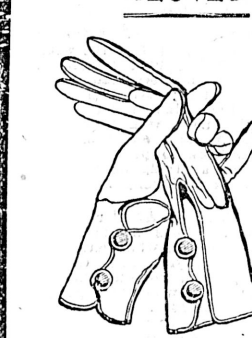
The game of basketball between the  
Nanaimo and Victoria West teams at  
the band concert to be held at the  
Drill hall tomorrow evening, promises  
to be very interesting. This will be  
the first inter-city game played in the  
province, and as both teams have an un-  
broken record for this season, the out-  
come will be watched with considerable  
interest by the followers of this popu-  
lar sport. The game will be played  
in the second part of the programme,  
and will start promptly at 4.30 o'clock.  
The musical numbers to be rendered  
by the regimental band are varied to  
suit all tastes as may be seen from the  
following programme.

PART I.  
1. "The Heavens Are Telling," from  
"The Creation".....Haydn  
2. Selection from "The Prince of  
Sicily".....Mendelssohn  
3. Gavotte, "The Magician".....Farrand  
4. Popular selection, "Scraps".....Finch  
PART II.  
5. Basketball—Nanaimo vs. Victoria  
West.  
6. Cake Walk, "The Creole Queen".....  
7. Basketball—Victoria vs. Nanaimo  
8. Two-Step, "Princess Pocohontas".....  
"God Save the King."  
Nanaimo line-up is the same team  
that last year won the championship last year.  
The teams are as follows:  
Nanaimo—V. Stewart and C. O'Brien,  
guards; A. Stewart, centre; Jos. Ben-  
nett and Chas. Rosewall, forwards.  
Victoria—W. H. Mowat, left half; C.  
Crocker, guards; W. Baker, centre; C.  
Fairall and W. Fairall, forwards.

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Wine Sauce; Fried English Sole, Sauce  
Tartar.  
SALAD—Cran Mayonnaise.  
BOILED—Smoked Ox Tongue, Sauce Pi-  
quant.  
ENTREES—Oyster Pie, American Style;  
Chicken a la Maryland; Small Tender-  
loin of Beef, Spanish; Ham Omelette.  
ROASTS—Young Turkey Stuffed, Cran-  
berry Sauce; Roast Saddle Pig, Apple  
Pie Sauce; Island Goose Stuffed with  
Sausage; Prime Christmas Roast Beef,  
Horseshoe.  
VEGETABLES—Brussels Sprouts; Mashed  
Turnips; Boiled Onions; Boiled and  
Mashed Potatoes.  
DESSERT—Christmas Plum Pudding,  
Brandy and Hard Sauce; Mince; Apple,  
Cranberry Pie; Compote Peaches; Apri-  
cots; Vanilla Ice Cream; Champagne  
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## OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING IN ACROSTIC

From RUDYARD KIPLING

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**A**ND the ploughman listened and bowed his head:—"To-day and to-morrow God's will," he said as he trimmed the lamps on the wall, "He sendeth us years that are good," as He sendeth the dearth."—*What the People Said.*

**M**AYBE I'm wrong as I can be—hideously wrong. I must find that out for myself, but I daren't turn my head to dress by the next man.—*The Light That Failed.*

**V**ER keep Hope, for in this is strength, and he who possesseth it can worry through typhoid.—*Counsels.*

**R**ESISTED, and became a man, which is much more important than being any sort of a viscount.—*The Man Who Was.*

**A**RE good company . . . a way o' layin' hold of folks as made them think they'd never had a live man for a friend before.—*On Greenhow Hill.*

**Y**OU must be infinitely kind and patient, and, above all, clear-sighted.  
—*The Judgment of Durgara.*

**C**ATS is dogs, and rabbits is dogs, and so's parrots. But this 'ere tortoise is an insect, so there ain't no charge, as the old Porter said.—*The Golden Gate.*

**H**OW did Sir Frederick Roberts get from Cabul to Kandahar? He marched an' he niver tould how near he was to breakin' down. That's why he is what he is.—*Krishna Mulwaney.*

**R**EMEMBER this. We must try to be cheerful, said the girl. "We know the very worst that can happen to us, but we do not know the best that love can bring us. We have a great deal to be glad of."—*Children of the Zodiac.*

**I**MUST do my own work and live my own life in my own way, because I'm responsible for both.—*The Light That Failed.*

**S**TAND to your work and be strong, halting not in your ways, baulking the end half won for an instant dole of praise. Stand to your work and be wise—certain of sword and pen, who are neither children nor Gods, but men in a world of men!—*Song of the English.*

**T**HIS we learned from famous men, knowing not its uses, when they showed in daily work man must finish off his work—right or wrong, his daily work—and without excuses.  
—*Stalky & Co.*

**M**OREOVER, only women understand children thoroughly; but if a mere man keeps very quiet, humbles himself properly, refrains from talking down to his superiors, the children will sometimes be good to him and let him see what they think about the world.—*A Preface.*

**A**CCEPT on trust and work in darkness, strike at venture, stumble forward, make your mark, (it's chalk on granite), then thank God.—*One Viceroy Resigns.*

**S**O he was indifferent to praise or blame, as befitted the Very Greatest.  
—*The Head of the District.*

**F**IGHTING for leave to live and labour well, God flung me peace and ease.  
—*Song of the English.*

**R**IGHT about face. Go back to your duty, and let's hear no more of your diseases.  
—*Mutiny of the Mavericks.*

**O**H! where would I be when the bullets fly? Why, somewheres anigh my chum; if 'e's liquor 'e'll give me some, if I'm dyin' 'e'll 'old my 'ead, an' 'e'll write 'em 'ome when I am dead—Gawd send us a trusty chum!—*Barrick Room Ballads.*

**M**Y work is everything I have, or am, or hope to be, to me, and I believe I've learnt the law that governs it; but I've some lingering sense of fun left.—*The Light That Failed.*

**T**HEN the young King said, "I have found it the road to the rest ye seek; the strong shall wait for the weary, the hale shall halt for the weak."—*An Imperial Rescript.*

**H**OW can he speak? said I. "He has done the work. The two don't go together."  
—*A Conference of the Powers.*

**E**RE they hewed the Sphinx's visage, favouritism governed kissage, even as it does in this age.—*General Summary.*

**C**OME and honour, O my brothers, Christmas Day! Call a truce then, to our labours—let us feast with friends and neighbors and be merry as the custom of our caste.  
*Christmas in India.*

**P**RESS not the cubs of the stranger, but hail them as Sister and Brother, for though they are little and fussy, it may be the Bear is their mother.—*Maxims of Balvo.*

**O**TTA knew little 'of the tongue of the Buria Kol, but when mother calls to mother, speech is easy to understand.—*Judgment of Durgara.*

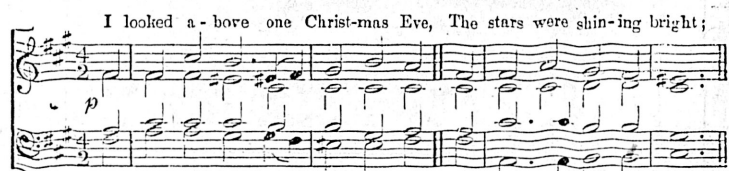
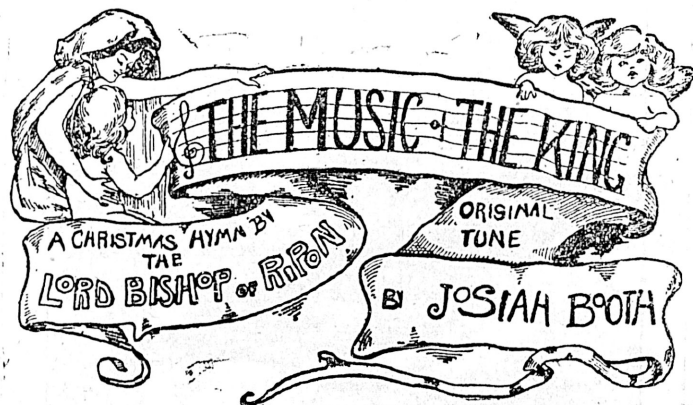
**U**R heart's where they rocked our cradle, our love where we spent our toil; and our faith and our hope and our honour we pledge to our native soil.—*The Native Born.*

**O**, 'taint because you bloomin' can't. It's because you bloomin' won't.—*On Greenhow Hill.*

**I**T is well to be of a cultured intelligence, but in time of trouble the weak human mind returns to the creed it sucked in at the breast, and if that creed be not a pretty one trouble follows.—*Mutiny of the Mavericks.*

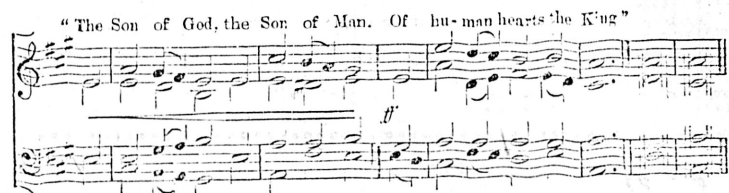
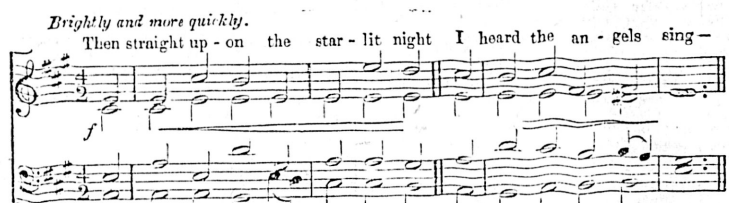
**T**RAIGHTWAY answered the Colonel's son, "Do good to bird and beast."  
—*Ballad of East and West.*

**T**HE old lost stars wheel back, dear lass, that blaze in the velvet blue. They're God's own guides on the Long Trail—the trail that is always new.—*L'Envoi.*



I looked on earth as she pursued  
With thrifty husbandry  
Her faithful toil, but she too seemed  
Indifferent to me.

Around were beauty, order, work,  
But none to understand  
My aching heart, and so I craved  
The touch of human hand.




Dear Christ of God, pure Child of  
heaven,  
To Thy rude manger-bed,  
As if by magic sympathy  
The sons of men are led.

Oh lay Thy quickening touch on us,  
That living we may be;  
Shine Thou on us, that we may shine  
With light that comes from Thee.

And ever let us know the love  
That Christmastide doth bring,  
That taught by love our hearts may  
learn  
The music of our King. Amen.



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# OLD JACKSON.

The Story of a Saint and a Sinner.

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By D. W. H.

Why did they call him old? And why did everyone refer to him as "Old Jackson"? All the other boys of Yale had nicknames. "Bill," "Jack," or "Sam," or "Pete." Surnames were seldom used or needed. Christian names abbreviated answered all purposes of identification, reference or receipt. "Old Jackson" if he had a baptismal name I never knew it—at least not until I saw him sign his full cognomen under peculiar and painful circumstances. He was not old either—scarcely 30, but he had a grave, quiet, somewhat weary air. He had come through with his own train of fifty or sixty pack animals from California. He had driven them across the then trackless Bad Lands of Montana and the sage brush of Washington Territory, had watered them at the Columbia river side by side with the wild buffalo; had generated the savage Spokane region where, a year before, an American general with his command had been ambushed and slain by the hostile tribes; he had come through the mountains and the borders of Washington and which extended into our own province. Jackson owned the train and, as the world went then, was regarded as rich. He brought with him a number of packers and armed men, who were desirous of trying their luck at the Fraser river mines, then lately discovered. On the way across the party had severe encounters with the natives. They lost two men and two others wounded. The dead men were buried in shallow graves after a rude burial service had been read over them. The wounded Old Jackson insisted on bringing along. He cast away the freight that two of the mules bore, their backs, substituting for the packs stretchers on which the poor fellows reclined. The average day's journey of a pack train is 15 miles. To relieve the wounded Old Jackson reduced the day's journey of his train to ten miles and pitched camp each day early in the afternoon. Other pack trains from Oregon overtook and passed Jackson's. His assistants grumbled. They were anxious to test the new diggings and argued that unless greater speed was put on all the rich claims would be under ice and snow before they should reach the Fraser. But Jackson was firm. He would not make haste while the wounded men were incapable of helping themselves. To abandon them would be to insure their speedy death at the hands of the savages who, thirsting for human gore and scalps, hung like wolves

of some influence, that he had worn a criminal and suspended justice and that which was still better, in his earlier days he was an honest lawyer. On this particular evening, the "Judge," who was much the worse for liquor and was in a loquacious mood, was relating to the assembled miners an incident in his California career. "To illustrate this story the old man rose to his feet and swung his long arms about after the manner of a political demagogue, while the 'boys' who sat around listened with vacant mouths to the stream of turgid eloquence that issued from his mouth. The 'Judge' had reached one of his flights of half-drunken oratory when the front door of the saloon was thrown violently open and a blast of piercing wind tore into the room. The company turned towards the door and saw standing there the figure of a man of medium height, his garments covered with snow; a Mexican sombrero was drawn over his eyes and his whole appearance was that of one who had traveled a long distance through the pelting of that awful tempest. As he stamped on the floor to relieve his boots of the weight of snow that had gathered upon them he threw a keen glance around. Then he removed the sombrero which half-concealed his features. One look into that face was enough for me. It was a face on every line of which was stamped the mark of sin and ruffianism. The man who sat next to me shuddered as he whispered: 'It's Tom O'Neil!'

The name was one that had inspired terror in many hearts in California and Texas, and the appearance at Yale of the man who answered to it was regarded as an evil omen. I had never seen the man before and I would not have died of grief if I never saw him again. While this thought was running through my mind the desperado, still holding his hat in his hand advanced towards the store. Room was made for him as he came forward and he soon had a choice of half-a-dozen chairs. Having selected one he threw back his overcoat, and after another glance around the group, remarked:

"I walked up from Hope today. It's sixteen miles, I hear, but seemed to me as it was a hundred." He paused for a moment as he held his open hands toward the stove to warm them and then continued: "What did I come for? A picnic? Not much. I came for a man."

A shudder ran through the group. O'Neil, who didn't seem to notice the agitation his words had caused, went on as if talking to himself:

"Yes, I'm after a man—leastwise his what some people calls a man. He threw dirt at me in California, and I've followed the varmint here to make him

to kill a human being—especially an old man." O'Neil raised his pistol again and pointed it full at his victim's head, and Reynolds sank on his knees to the floor, grasped his assailant's feet, and as he groveled there continued to pray for mercy.

"No," cried O'Neil, "You've got just half a minute to say your prayers."

"Tom! Tom! dear Tom!" wailed Reynolds, "make it a minute—give me sixty seconds."

"You'd better hurry," vociferated the cold-blooded wretch. There's only a quarter of a minute left." Reynolds burst into tears and fell over backwards. As he lay there he feebly pleaded: "Someone pray—pray for me. My poor old mother used to pray for me."

"Time's up!" roared O'Neil. He raised his weapon and took deliberate aim at the prostrate form. While this scene was being enacted I sat speechless and rooted to my chair. I had seen death in many forms, and imagined that I was proof against any horror; but the prospect of seeing a man's brains blown out in cold blood was too much for me, and, indeed, for the whole company, since no one moved, but just gazed helplessly on the scene.

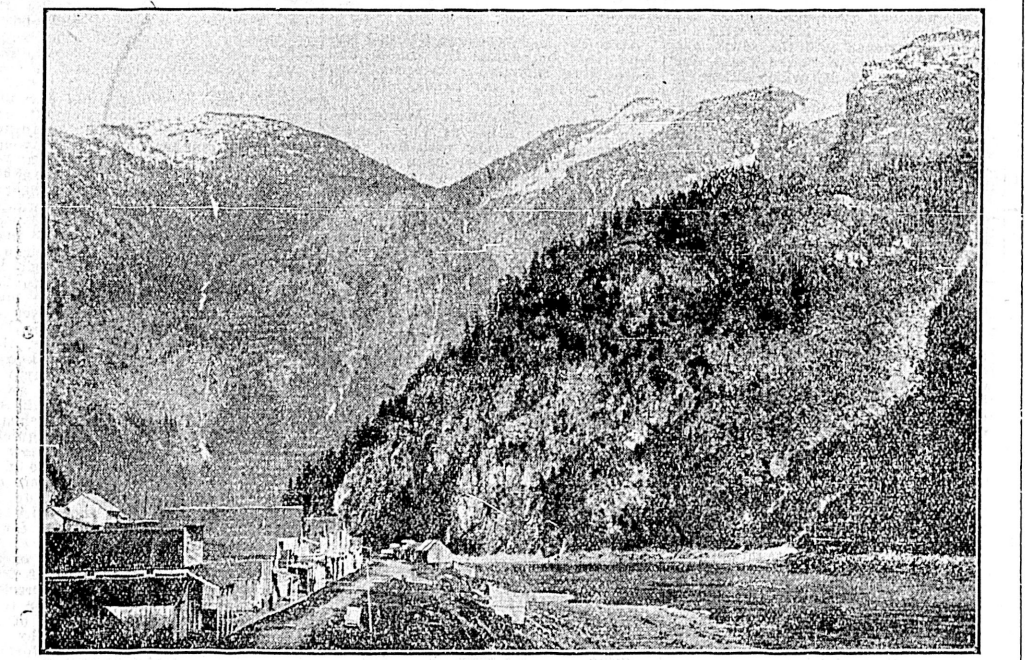
"One, two, three," shouted the desperado.

And then a strange thing happened. Like a flash the muzzle of the pistol was struck upward and the ball intended for Reynolds lodged in the ceiling. The next instant I saw O'Neil in the grasp of a man. He struggled to release himself, and a volley of oaths poured from his wicked mouth. The two men fell to the floor as in a death grapple, the intruder beneath. O'Neil, whose pistol had fallen to the floor, reached for his bowie knife, but before he could draw it from its sheath the under man turned him over and pinned him to the floor. In another moment O'Neil was relieved of his bowie knife, (his pistol having been taken possession of by one of the bystanders) and was allowed to rise. Panting for breath he sank into a chair. Then I saw that the victor was Old Jackson! He had interfered in time to save Reynolds' life and undo the desperado.

Reynolds left the river the next day and Tom O'Neil apologized to Old Jackson and became one of his best friends. The taint of ruffianism was too deep in Tom's system to be entirely extricated by one discomforting circumstance as the following incident will show:

"There was a little negro barber at Yale who was known as 'Ikey.' He was a saucy and presumptuous creature, with a mischief-making tongue in his head. Into Ikey's shop one day there entered Tom O'Neil.

"Barber," quoth he, "I want yer to



YALE IN THE EARLY 60's

on the flanks of the train. Some of his force departed and joined other trains, but Old Jackson crawled along at the ten-mile gait, and it was not until late in September that he reached the Fraser and found that the packers ahead of him had disposed of their flour, beans and bacon to the miners and others at the market, and he was glutted with supplies of all kinds. He did not complain, but stored his goods at Lytton and Yale and sent his animals out to grass on the Thompson. A few of them died, but the humanity of Old Jackson saved most of his train, and the wounded men as well. When the packers who had passed him on the plains reached their journey's end their animals were so run down that they were unable to withstand the rigors of the winter and hundreds died from exposure. Alvarez, a rich Mexican, brought to the country 125 loaded mules. He stored the goods at Yale and then proceeded towards Hope, 16 miles lower down on the Fraser river, where he proposed to winter the train. He swam the animals through the ice-cold current and built huge fires on the bank, where the mules as they emerged from the water were rubbed down. All but three of these valuable animals perished, and through and through, and in a few hours, Jackson's animals passed through the winter in good shape, and the men who had condemned his slowness now applauded his judgment and humanity. He placed the train on the trail between Yale and the Upper Fraser and made leaps of money during the following two years.

Old Jackson was a very peculiar man. He was better educated than most of his men of his vocation and his was a silent, unobtrusive personality. Often he would sit for hours in a group around a barroom stove when his mind seemed far away and he never uttered a word or joined in the conversation until he was appealed to and having replied in monosyllables he quickly relapsed into silence. He drank little, swore not even at a refractory mule and gambled not at all, but he read a great deal. I do not know where or how I got the impression into my head, but I always looked upon Jackson as a man who, like most silent men, had a huge red-hot sheet-iron stove in Barry's saloon. Among the company on that evening was an elderly American who was known to his companions as "Judge" Reynolds. It was given out that at one time in his life he had been a man

scrape it off. His name is, let me see, what's his name? Oh! yes, his name's one Reynolds. Judge Reynolds he calls himself. I reckon—a tall, big man, what has a red nose and given to chin music. Perhaps none of yer fellers don't know the man when you see him."

I stole a glance at Reynolds. He had ceased to talk and fallen back on his seat when O'Neil appeared at the door. As I looked I saw him covering his face with his hands before his face apparently trying to reduce his figure into as small a compass as possible.

"Yes," said O'Neil, "he's my meat when I finds him. Do you nss know what he did to me? He sentenced me to the chain gang in Stockton for six months. Wot had I done? I only put a bullet into a man's leg as he was fussed to drink with me. He couldn't treat me much worse if I'd killed the man. I hear he's here. Does any one know a man hereabouts which his name's 'Judge' Reynolds?"

No one answered.

O'Neil keenly scanned the group again and his eye swept along until it fell upon the quivering form of the old man.

"Wot do you call that object? Give it a name!" he asked, pointing to Reynolds. "Seems like he's got the chilblains."

Still no answer.

"Then I'll take a look for myself," and rising from his seat the ruffian drew the old man's hat from his head and snatched it on the floor.

I looked at Reynolds. His face was the color of pine wood ashes, and he trembled like a leaf as he raised his hands imploringly.

With a cry like that of a wild beast at the sight of its prey O'Neil sprang forward and clutched Reynolds by the throat with one hand while with the other he drew a Colt's six-shooter from his sheath, cocked it and pointed it full at the other's head.

"My God!" cried Reynolds pleadingly. "Tom—oh! Tom, you would not murder me. Say you would not, Tom. Oh! say it's all a joke, dear, good Tom. Say you didn't mean it—that's a good boy. I'm an old man, Tom. Look at my grey hair and spare me."

"Curse ye," roared O'Neil, "Ye had a lot of mercy on me, didn't yer. Yer put me in prison and ruined my prospects for life. I've followed yer for a thousand miles and now I've got yer."

"Oh! Oh!" wailed the old man piteously. "Let me go this time, Tommy, dear boy. You don't mean to kill me, do you? I always said you were a good boy at heart, only you were misled. You would not harm a hair of my poor old head, would you Tom? Just think what an awful thing it is

to shave me."

"Yeth, sah," said Ikey, "take a seat."

"And barber," continued Tom, "I want a revolver and placing it across his knees. 'If yer draw so little as one drop of blood, I'll shoot yer.'"

The barber, fortunately, did not cut the vagabond, and so escaped with his life. In narrating the incident, Ikey said: "If I'd a cut that man over so little I made up my mind that I'd cut his throat from year to year. It would have been my life or his, and I was sure it wouldn't have been mine."

One afternoon about two years subsequent to the occurrences I have narrated above, I strolled slowly along Yates street. About the last person I expected to meet was Old Jackson, and yet as I neared the corner of Government street, I almost ran against him.

"I was looking for you," he remarked, "all day yesterday. I got down the day before from Yale and wanted to see you badly."

"What's the matter?" I asked.

"I'll tell you," he replied. "I've sold my pack-train and intend to go to California. I was too late to catch the steamer and shall have to wait three weeks before another chance will come for getting away. I am very ill today. My left side feels as if there was a lump of ice inside of me. I went to Dr. Helmcken this morning and he told me I must go to bed and stay there, that I am threatened with pneumonia. Together we walked to the Hotel de France and he addressed to, 'Thomas O'Neil, Esq., Yale, British Columbia.' He must have detected a look of surprise in my face, for he remarked in an explanatory manner:

"Tom's not such a bad fellow, after all. After you left the river we became good friends and I got to like him. This letter tells him to come right down for I want to see him before I die."

The letter was mailed about the 10th

of December, and two days before Christmas Tom O'Neil walked into the hotel. He had changed a little, but anything, he was more villainous-looking than before, and he had the same swaggering, devil-may-care air that I had observed when I first saw him in Barry's saloon at Yale. He was shown to the sick room. In the evening I saw him a dinner. His manner was quieter and more subdued, and I thought—only thought, mind you—that his eyes were red as if from crying. The next day we were told that Jackson was sinking and might go off at any moment. O'Neil stood at the head of the bed looking down on the face of the sufferer. His eyes were gazed with tears and he found it difficult to control. I could not understand his agitation. Was it assumed or real? Could it be possible that this desperado—this murderer of heart, if not in deed, in sentiment, at the mention of those name women screamed and the cheeks of strong men blanched—was it possible that his wicked mind was open to generous impulses and emotions? Mentally I was torn, but I did not dare say a word. I was scarcely civil to O'Neil. He looked out of place in a death chamber, at least in a death chamber that he had not himself created by one of his murderous acts.

"He's goin' fast," O'Neil whispered as I entered.

The sick man opened his eyes and gazed long and fixedly at Tom. Then he turned his head and said to me, "I said in a low voice, 'Be kind to him when I am gone.'"

I was startled. There was something so extraordinary in the request, coming as it did from a man whom I had learned to respect for his coolness and bravery in staying the hand of the ruffian for whom he now pleaded. I said nothing.

"Yes," Jackson continued, "be good to him. He never had a chance. His mother died when he was a small boy and he ran away and came West to escape a cruel step-mother. It was not his fault if he grew up bad. He never meant to do half that he threatened to do. If he has done wrong he has suffered for it. I have forgiven him and if he rest will forgive him he'll do better."

O'Neil in a paroxysm of sobs flung himself from the room.

"Will you promise me?" urged the dying man.

"Yes," I said, most reluctantly. "I will do what I can."

A smile stole across his face. He tried to extend his hand but it fell back on the counterpane.

"The will," he said, "the will will explain all."

At the time of which I write a narrow passage of alleyway extended from the northern side of the Hotel de France on Government street to Broad street. The White Horse Hotel, which was that alley ran, and the hotel and the Colonial theatre then occupied the Government street front now occupied by Spencer's store. At the Broad street end of the alley there stood a story-and-a-half frame building occupied by those who were attached to the Catholic diocese, then presided over by Bishop Demers, a courtly and Godly man of gentle demeanor and blameless life. Until a few days ago I was under the impression that the building had disappeared before the march of improvement, but a visit to the rear of the old Masonic hall and a careful examination of a dilapidated frame structure that stands here revealed the fact that the quarters occupied by the nuns 43 years ago are still standing. Any curious person, by passing through T. N. Hibben & Co.'s establishment may see the building for himself. It is old and rickety and must soon succumb to the ravages of time, but its value as a historic memento is unquestioned.

In a miniature tower on the roof of the nuns' home there swung a tiny bell which was rung at stated periods during the day and evening to remind communicants of their duties and to summon the faithful to prayer. The first gleam of dawn on that Christmas morning was welcomed by the ringing of the little bell. The sound fell on the ear of Old Jackson as he lay dying on his bed. He half-raised himself and then fell back on the pillow.

"George," he feebly moaned, "do you hear? It's our old school bell ringing. It's time to go home."

He paused for a moment and then went on: "I'm choking for air. Oh! Give me a chance. Open—please open that window and let in the air."

Somebody raised the window and then there was borne in on the early breeze the sound of voices singing. The Holy Motherhood on that lovely Christmas morning were chanting the morning prayer, beginning "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace Among Men."

As the voices rose and fell in soft and gentle cadence the sick man raised himself on his elbow, the better to listen. When the voices ceased the bell resumed its ringing.

"Yes, George," said Old Jackson, "Let's get our books together and go home. Dear mother will be waiting."

He turned on his side and faced the wall. When he had ceased to ring Old Jackson said: "I feel 'at home home.' Let us hope that he found his way home waiting to guide his uncertain footsteps to the foot of the Throne."

The next day Old Jackson was placed in the Quadra street cemetery. After the cemetery was repaired to the hotel where Mr. Pearkes read the will. It began something like this:

"I give and bequeath to my brother, George Jackson, sometimes known as 'Thomas O'Neil, all my property, real and personal that I do possess of. The only stipulation being that he shall erect a suitable stone over my grave, recording thereon my name, age and birthplace, and try and reform."

"JAMES JACKSON."

The property amounted to between \$7,000 and \$8,000 in gold, all of which the bank paid over to O'Neil the following day. He returned to the Mainland and resumed his evil courses. Three years later at the diggings on the Head of Columbia river he was voted a dangerous nuisance by the miners. A mule was procured, a rope was around the animal's body to which the desperado's legs were tied and he was sent out the camp with instructions never to return. In pain of death. He was never heard of again, by me or by others. He has perished in an attempt to reach civilization.

The other day I visited Quadra street cemetery. The desperado did not erect a stone to the memory of his brother, and the grave is unmarked and indistinguishable.

HANGING THE HOLLY.

With Polly I changed to be hanging the holly.

With Polly, the rogulish, with Polly, the slir;

With Polly, who's brimming with frolic and merriment,

A quip on her lip and a jest in her eye.

The wind it was grieving, and shadows were weeping.

Their dark web without o'er the face of the sky;

Within it was merry with green leaf and berry,

And Polly close by, with a gleam in her eye.

"This holly, I know, sir, you wish mistletoe, sir!"

Cried Polly, as o'er us a wreath we hung high;

I looked at her, laughing, to see were she chaffing,

And, oh, what a glint there shone out from her eye!

How like the rose-petals on which the bee settles!

Her cheeks, her eyes! Her lips were the holly fruit's dye;

"Be it mistletoe, dear, a minute or so, dear!"

"A minute!" breathed Polly, with mirth in her eye.

So it's oh to be hanging the holly with Polly!

With Polly, the mischievous Polly, the slir,

With Polly, the genius of all that is jolly—

A lure on her lip, and with love in her eye!

—Clinton Scollard.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

God rest ye, merry gentlemen; let nothing you dismay,

For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas Day.

The dawn rose red o'er Bethlehem, the stars shone through the gray,

When Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas Day.

God rest ye, little children; let nothing you affright,

For Jesus Christ, your Saviour, was born this happy night;

Along the hills of Galilee the white flocks sleeping lay,

When Christ, the Child of Nazareth, was born on Christmas Day.

God rest ye, all good Christians; upon this blessed morn

The Lord of all good Christians was of a woman born;

Now all your sorrows He doth heal, your sins He takes away;

For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas Day.

—Dinah Maria Mulock Craik.

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BY SARAH A. TOOLEY

balls will be revived this year, if Sandringham again witnesses the Royal Christmas, it is premature to predict.

One cannot close a record how the Queen spends the festive season without reference to her never-failing thought for sick children. Toys for them are always a part of her Christmas selection, and are ever sent by special messenger on Christmas Eve, often with the greetings written in her own hand, to the Children's hospitals, of which she is a special patroness. The joy with which these afflicted little ones hail the coming of their gifts can be hardly imagined, and the consciousness of their need helps to give the Queen a happy Christmas.

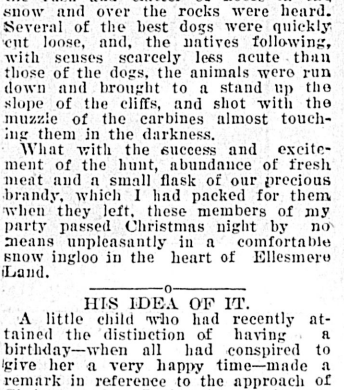
BY LIEUTENANT R. E. PEARY

Christmas-tide and my pictures of the home folk—with a cake, a small bottle of Moselle and a cup of coffee before us.

"We looked into each other's eyes, dreamed of the past, each drop of the favorite wine a vignette and a reminiscence of the bygone pleasant excursions. I speculated as to the future, and what another Christmas would bring, till the fire went out, and I turned to my narrow bunk, where the roar of the gale lulled me to sleep, and I lay in dreams my waking thoughts."

Matt and his party returned three days later. They had groped their way to the head of the bay through the darkness and deep snow, only to find that the ice had perished and the wheat caught in October had been eaten by the numerous and ravenous foxes.

"Fortunately, on Christmas day, they came upon and killed two musk-oxen. They were going from their camp to the river to get a party of men away from the rush and clatter of hoofs in the



SOME OF THE ESQUIMAUX DOGS.

Christmas that I thought worth pondering: "We must all try to make Jesus enjoy his birthday, mustn't we, mamma?"

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"Yo' needn't tell me," observed Uncle Eph'm, "dat Dowie is de prophet 'Lijah come again. He is de reincarnation of an old Mississippi river steamboat mate I used to wuk undah 'way back in de '50s—or else he's de old steamboat mate hisself."—

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to church in a sleigh. Behind every sleigh you would see two boys standing on the runners and holding pine torches—small kindling spears in the procession of sleighs glide over the snow on a forest road. These torches are stuck up in a circle around the church. A whole week is given to good cheer and hospitality.

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### CHRISTMAS IN ITALY.

Venetians Present Candies and Cus-  
tards to Their Friends,

Christmas in the Catholic countries of Southern Europe is very different from Christmas in these Northern lands. In Rome it is a quiet and solemn day and the chief interest in religious service. The celebration goes on from December 25, when the sacred Bambino (the Christ-child) is brought out, till January 6, when it is put away. The churches are, of course, brilliantly illuminated with innumerable candles, and the solemn and impressive service is everywhere attended. There are family reunions, but the solemn festivities of the time, in spite of the usually rather numerous company, are held quietly indoors... Every Venetian rich or poor, makes a present of a box of pecuniar candy, made of honey and almonds (called mandorlato), and of a bunch of fruits and mustard (called mustardo.)

In Italy, instead of the Christmas tree, you will find (especially in Florence) a straw basket made to hold gifts decorated with green things (strawed in the form of a tree) and containing a gift to children is a plaster toy representing the Nativity.